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# PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

## TO THE 105TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

*Adyar, December 26, 1980*

BY MRS. RADHA BURNIER, *President*

I WELCOME you all most warmly to this 105th Convention of the Theosophical Society and express the earnest hope that it will prove to be an effective means to bring new energy and clearer light to the work of the Society. Strenuous labour as well as joyous living needs to form the texture of every worthwhile Convention. The very air of our international headquarters here at Adyar breathes joy, for it is not merely the official centre of the Society, but an *āshrama*, wonderfully endowed with the beauty of sea and river, trees and birds, sunsets and space. The loveliness by which we have the privilege of being surrounded, will, it is hoped, touch the hearts of all who are gathered here. Being receptive to the grace and quiet power of nature can in no small measure help to deepen our perception and thereby make the deliberations of the Convention more fruitful. Has not a sage pointed out that among the tested means to illumination is 'silence for certain periods of time to enable nature herself to speak to him who comes to her for information'?

Meeting together in the various sessions detailed on the programme, discussing and listening, involves earnest labour, for

there is much to be carefully thought over and investigated, and many familiar attitudes and patterns of thought to be rejected in order to advance into fuller understanding. Such labour remains but half done if, through quiet pondering and moments of solitary contact with uplifting influences, assimilation does not take place at a deeper level. There is a blessedness and a power beyond oneself which comes to the aid of those who are prepared to receive. Let us turn to those great Sources from whom strength and inspiration flow unflinching to all who, forgetful of self, are intent to learn and to share without reservation.

*May Those who are the embodiments of Love Immortal bless with Their help and guidance this Society founded to be a channel for Their work. May They inspire it with Their wisdom, strengthen it with Their power and energize it with Their activity.*

The travails of the world have been prolonged and are reaching a climax which can spell doom or an extraordinary new beginning for man. The challenges which confront the human being at the

present time are unprecedented. The rapid progress of knowledge in certain fields has created a crisis out of which there is no way of escape for the mind which refuses to think afresh and which moves in its own habitual rut. It requires courage, persevering application of energy and intelligence to take an absolutely fresh look at the calamitous situation in which mankind finds itself and to break through the circle of disaster.

The Theosophical Society calls upon its members to have the pioneering spirit and the daring to reject old moulds, concepts and attitudes. Though the Society has been the means through which very many individuals have found solace, and a meaning to existence, it is meant more than anything else to uplift orphaned humanity as a whole. The achievement of its true objectives places a great responsibility on its members. The philanthropist applies himself, to a greater or lesser extent, to the task of rectifying consequences and effects. But as Madame Blavatsky said: 'The Society cares but little about the outward human management of the material world.' The root-cause and fundamentals must be probed into and understood, by means of which alone the unending repetition of the problems which beset man can be ended once and for all. As long as the source of human confusion and suffering is undiscovered there can be no recovery, but only an intensification of the dire straits in which humanity finds itself.

It may profit us to consider some of the important guidelines given by H.P.B. in the early days of the Society. She declares that if the Society is composed of a mere band of enthusiasts who do not labour to find the truth, it will be just one more of the many organizations which are born today and will die tomorrow.

The Society may continue to exist outwardly as an organization, but it will cease to be a living body carrying out its essential work if it consists merely of visionaries and not of persons who are interested in philosophy and science in the true sense. Let us not forget that philosophy is the love of wisdom and not just a system of thought and that science *per se* is knowledge which does not set limits to itself. True science does not confine its field of observation and investigation to the material world, nor does it refuse to investigate and take cognisance of facts at subtler levels; it has the will to penetrate into the truth of all that exists, whether material and visible or invisible essence. The striking statement issues from H.P.B. that 'the very fact of man's joining it [the Theosophical Society] proves that he is in search of the final truth as to the ultimate essence of things.' No lesser aim should attract those who join the ranks of a Society whose motto is 'There is no religion higher than Truth.'

'The very root-idea of the Society is free and fearless investigation.' It has no room in it for those who are enclosed in creeds and dogmas and whose attachment to their religion, environment and social conventions is so strong that it forbids examination of every question. It is only when a student abandons the old and trodden highway of routine and enters upon the solitary path of independent thought that he is a Theosophist. To be a Theosophist demands that one must be an original thinker who is prepared to eliminate superstitions, cast aside credulity and discover truth by practical experimentation as opposed to passive acceptance of opinions and patterns of thought and behaviour. The Theosophical Society has consistently maintained that it has no creed to promote

for 'creeds are but the shells around spiritual knowledge.' The Society as a body neither promotes nor encourages belief. Theosophy is neither a set of crystallized concepts nor a body of beliefs, clinging to certain ideas and authorities. This position of the Society would be a mere formality if its members were not activated by a spirit of open enquiry which can lead the way to the disenthralment of human thought.

It is on the basis of free investigation that the Theosophical Society promotes the study of religious, philosophical and scientific thought. Whoever is uncompromisingly in search of the answers to fundamental problems and the ultimate nature of things, whether he be a man of religion, a philosopher or a scientist, is an ally of the Theosophist. The upliftment of the human mind from its present state of chaos and despair is so important that the Society must band together all those who have the will to lay aside strife and quarrels, whose breeding ground is the preoccupation with things of trivial and passing moment. The very nature of the Society's work is such that it cannot be carried on unless its members are imbued with a fraternal affection for the human race and a compassionate feeling for all living things.

It is not an easy task to find the answer to the basic question of human happiness and progress. A true Theosophist must be prepared to make many sacrifices and exalt his mind by contemplation and purify it by his studies. Books of all kinds, even those which contain the most self-evident truths, are for him not revelations but only inspirations. He regards all books 'on account of the human element contained in them, inferior to the book of Nature.' The book of Nature, the contents of which include the secrets of man's mind and conscious-

ness, can be comprehended correctly only when the innate powers of the spirit are developed. The profound laws of the universe, which are open to spiritual insight, are beyond the scope of arguments and dialectics. 'No one can understand or rightly appreciate them through the explanations of another mind, even though this mind be claiming a direct revelation.' Therefore the Theosophical student has to be different from a student of any other kind, for he realizes that neither the senses nor the mind can comprehend all things as they really are. Reflection, self-knowledge, intellectual discipline, silence and meditation must be part of his way of life, which should have little in common with the habits and tastes of the busy world.

The modern world has deluded itself into believing that freedom is unrelated to discipline and order and that knowledge can be obtained without fulfilling any conditions. The fact is, however, that knowledge in any field has to be obtained by paying a price, including hard work and sustained dedication. The intuitive knowledge of truth is the reward obtained by 'self-contemplation, perfect chastity and purity of body.' The study of Theosophy cannot be divorced from integrity and purity in one's actions and way of life. The Theosophical Society transcends the man-made categories of race, creed, colour and so forth. It takes both what the world calls small and great into its fellowship. It calls upon the various nations to remember that they are children of one mother. This does not, however, mean that the Society should be composed of persons with entirely disparate approaches and interests, with nothing of importance to share with each other. Although its membership is open to all without such distinctions as have been mentioned

above, there are certain criteria of membership which need to be fulfilled for the Society to be worthy of its aims. Integrity of thought and action and a passionate concern with the world's well-being have to be numbered among the criteria. It is of vital importance for the future of the Society that all the responsible workers should give thought to these questions. Satisfaction is too readily felt when there is an increase in the number of members brought about through indiscriminating recruitment without consideration of the criteria. The essential character of the Society will crumble if membership does not connote for each individual a new turn in life.

The dilemmas of the century and the events to which we have borne witness presage the possibility of a new beginning and a fresh impetus. Whether such a renewal takes place will depend entirely on the earnestness of the enquiry and the unselfish devotion of the members to the true objects of the Society. I most sincerely hope that the discussions during this Convention will prompt all of us into understanding clearly the profound character, significance and work of the Society.

Very unexpected changes took place during the past year, resulting in the induction into office of a completely new set of principal officers. In December last year, Mr. John Coats suddenly took ill and passed away. A number of his wide circle of friends were gathered at the Convention, expecting to meet him and listen to him. His friendly and affectionate nature endeared him to the great many people with whom he came into contact during his incessant travels on behalf of the Society. Later in the year, Dr. Jean Raymond was also called away from physical incarnation. She had been International Secretary for

over eight years and laboured hard at the many tasks she took upon her shoulders at Adyar. Cheerfulness and sympathy for the underprivileged were outstanding features of her contribution to the work. Another Adyar resident who passed away was the veteran worker Mr. S. G. Venkataramanan, who was in many ways an exemplary member. He lived at Adyar for thirty-two years and served the Society in several capacities. Miss Gladys Taylor was a familiar figure in Adyar, although she resided in Kotagiri (Nilgiris) for many years, looking after the Society's properties there and doing most commendable work to aid poor women through the Women's Co-operative Society which she and Miss E. Preston started. She also passed away earlier this month. Mrs. Rachel Tripet of Geneva, who departed during this year, was a constant co-worker with her husband, Mr. Georges Tripet, in advancing the Theosophical cause in Switzerland and elsewhere in Europe. She was Treasurer of the European Federation for some time. Scandinavian members were accustomed to gather for summer events at the home of Mrs. Birgitte Valvanne, whose devotion to the Society will be remembered not only in her native Denmark, but in the Indian Section headquarters as well. The references to those who have gone over to the other side would be incomplete without mention of Mrs. Kathleen Crawford, who was a pillar of the Society in New Zealand. Her membership of the Society extended over seventy-three years, and her services were truly memorable.

An event of consequence in 1980 was, of course, the election of a new President, which was necessitated by the passing away of Mr. Coats. Voting took place in 47 countries and in a few Lodges directly

affiliated to the International Headquarters. The election was conducted according to the procedures and rules laid down in the Constitution of the Society and was carried out by an Election Committee consisting of the international Secretary (Dr. Jean Raymond to start with and Mr. John Clarke after her death), the international Vice-President, Mr. Surendra Narayan, and Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan. Details of the nominations and the voting have been published in the September issue of *The Theosophist*.

Our former President, Mr. N. Sri Ram, wrote in connection with such an election, words which are worth listening to once again: 'I would like to say here in a general way what seems to me to be very important, that in a Society which is meant to be a channel of the Divine Wisdom and seeks to base itself on the purest Brotherhood, the whole ideology and atmosphere of an election ought to be utterly different from what it is in the world at large. Whether it is election in a Committee, a Lodge, a Section or the whole Society, the only spirit that should obtain on the part of a Theosophist candidate should be that of placing himself, if he can, at the service of his brethren without asking to be preferred to someone else, of being at their disposal to be used in the work, if they want him for any kind of work. In a democratic organization which, though democratic, seeks to regulate itself in a spirit of true Wisdom, office should not be a synonym for importance. Each one in our Society is supposed to be free in all matters to use his judgment freely; this will be the case only when there is no influence that seeks to overbear his psychological freedom to exercise a judgment which he might call his own. Unless each Lodge and Section, in the way it conducts itself, expresses the quality of the Wisdom, which is impersonal, free

and non-self-seeking, it is idle to imagine that we will be able to change the world through mere preaching. In every Lodge and Centre, our aim should be to make a model organization where there is brotherhood, a fair order, a happy restraint and self-effacement. In all ways we should advance a condition in which this world, which is spiritually so barren, may begin, here and there, to blossom as the rose.'

Mr. John Coats had nominated Mr. Surendra Narayan as Vice-President on the resignation of Miss Joy Mills from the office. Mr. Surendra Narayan assumed office as Vice-President and also as Acting President from 1st January 1980 and ably carried on the work of the Society under the trying conditions created by the departure, in varying fashion, of several officers. He brings to the responsibilities of his office, ripe experience in the administrative and financial fields and deep sincerity. He belongs to a family of Theosophists and prior to retirement held the high office of Chairman of the Government of India's Board of Direct Taxes.

After my assumption of office as President on 17th July, it became urgently necessary to appoint a new international Secretary, because Mr. John Clarke could not continue to function in that capacity owing to health reasons. Mr. R. Gopalaratnam, who was previously acquainted with the work of the office, having been appointed by Mr. Coats to act as Secretary during the absence of Dr. Raymond in Durham and other places, and who was also General Manager of the estate for some time, is for the time being discharging the duties of Secretary. Since 1st October, Miss Annie Tjioe Siang Nio is once again Treasurer of the Society, bringing to the work the competence and qualifications which justified her appointment

previously in 1969. Mr. N. Muthuswamy was appointed as Assistant Treasurer in October 1980. He is a long-standing member of the Society and a qualified Chartered Accountant, whose experience is now at the service of the Society.

Other changes in the Departments at Adyar are as follows: Mr. C. R. N. Swamy is in charge of the Archives since he ceased to be Treasurer. He fills a gap left by the departure of Miss Helen George to Australia. Mr. Amarnath Rao, an earnest younger member, has been appointed as Head of the Movable Properties Department, releasing Mr. Naranji Kevat for essential work in Leadbeater Chambers where considerable administrative reform is necessary to eliminate wastage. Mr. Stuart Coles was appointed as Superintendent of Leadbeater Chambers in February 1980 and worked without assistance in a difficult situation till Mr. Kevat could be spared. Mr. K. M. Sundaram resumed office as Superintendent of the Garden Department after an interval of two years and is striving to improve both the appearance and the productivity of the garden. After the departure of Mr. Robin Keefe, Mr. Sayeed has carried on the work of Information Officer, pending a new choice.

An important appointment was that of Dr. K. Kunjunni Raja as Honorary Director of the Adyar Library. He retired as Professor and Head of the Department of Sanskrit in the University of Madras earlier this year, which enabled him to accept the Directorship of the Library from 1st September. This relieved me of my previous duties there. Dr. Raja's long residence at Adyar and intimate acquaintance with the Adyar Library for a number of years as Adviser and Editor, in addition to his academic qualifications, make him especially suitable to be Director of our Library.

The Adyar Library continues to provide the facilities for scholars and students from all over the world to pursue their studies in religion, philosophy and the cultural history of the nations. Several new publications have come out, some of which have received grants in aid from the Government of India's Education Ministry. The Ministry has also granted for the purchase of much-needed equipment and books. The Library is handicapped by paucity of funds, which prevent it from having an adequate staff of pandits and scholars for research work. The emoluments available in universities and other research institutions are more attractive, for we are able to offer comparatively very meagre allowances to the learned men who alone can execute the type of work for which the Library is reputed. *Brahmavidyā*, Adyar Library's journal of research, has been regularly published, the forthcoming issue being a felicitation volume for Dr. K. Kunjunni Raja, containing contributions from indologists and scholars all over the world.

The Theosophical Publishing House has also issued some new publications, including a reprint of T. Subba Row's *Esoteric Writings*. A notable feature of its work now is in the field of non-English publications, made possible by the offset printing facilities available at the Press. To begin with, Danish books have been printed for Samfund i Danmark. A sales promotion campaign has been recently started and Mr. N. C. Ramanujachary has been appointed as Sales Promotion Officer in addition to his duties as Manager of the Vasanta Press. It is hoped that there will be a considerable improvement in the distribution and sale of books in the future as a result of various measures taken.

The Centre of Theosophical Studies

at Adyar has been carrying on its work regularly. Its Director, Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan, reports that a special feature during the year was a course on Buddhism given by the Venerable Samdhong Rinpoche, Head of the Institute for Higher Tibetan Studies in Sarnath, near Varanasi. His learning, as well as his truly religious manner of life which diffused an atmosphere of humility and simplicity, made a deep impression on those who listened to him. Another feature was a week-end course on the *Vivekachudamani* (known as the Crest-Jewel of Wisdom) by Swami Ranganathananda. Among the other distinguished persons who helped to elucidate Theosophical knowledge at the Centre were Miss Joy Mills, former Vice-President, Justice A. R. Bakshi, Mr. Achyut Patwardhan, Dr. C. T. Phan and Professor Peter Meyer-Dohm.

*The Theosophist* is one of the most important means of communication between the International Headquarters, the President and the world-wide membership. There has been considerable discussion lately as to whether the character of *The Theosophist* should be such as to be of popular appeal. When the sister magazine *Lucifer* was started by H.P.B., she pointed out that the purpose of such a magazine is to penetrate into the darkness of human ignorance and break down prejudice, hypocrisy and sham. *The Theosophist*, too, has to be an instrument of progress in the spiritual sense, which is not necessarily compatible with receiving the approbation of conventional or superficial minds. We trust that it will serve more and more as a means for offering new insights into the truths of the universe.

One of the most urgent necessities in the Theosophical Society is to have orientation courses which will attract those who are eager to dedicate themselves to

the cause of human enlightenment, particularly the young. There is a sad dearth of workers with sufficient dedication, knowledge and intelligence to shoulder responsibilities in almost all the Sections of the Society. The future of the Society does indeed depend on 'the degree of selflessness, earnestness, devotion and, last but not least, on the amount of knowledge and wisdom possessed by those members on whom it will fall to carry on the work and to direct the Society.' Most training courses of short duration have yielded little or no fruit, for they seek merely to instil certain concepts into the students without conveying to them the true flavour of the Society's work and the profound and subtle character which it possesses. They generally fail to evoke the realization that Theosophy is a living wisdom which is revealed only to those who prepare themselves inwardly through self-purification and the sacrifice of the personality. Thought needs to be given to the creation of centres in various continents and regions where earnest students will acquire not only intellectual comprehension, but the sensitivity to be aware of transforming factors. Adyar has undoubtedly to be such a centre, but the Krotana School of Theosophy in California and other similar institutions also need to support a programme which will ensure the future work.

Miss Joy Mills, who relinquished the office of Vice-President at the end of last year, has been directing the work of the Krotana School of Theosophy and reports a very satisfactory year. Several students from different countries have been given the opportunity of studying and living in Krotana by means of scholarships offered by the Kern Foundation. The endeavour of the School has been to lead the students towards spiritual

living and insights rather than to mere mental comprehension. It is to be hoped that other centres can be established elsewhere for offering orientation programmes.

The international Society's financial position gave rise to much concern during the past few years. Towards the end of 1979, the income from the Adyar estate was considerably augmented when my predecessor, Mr. Coats, leased out the buildings in the area known as Damodar Gardens, with the consent of the Executive Committee, to the Krishnamurti Foundation India to house its school. Members have generously donated to help the building up of reserves. Still, mounting costs caused by continuing inflationary prices have to be coped with. A vigorous programme of administrative reform in Adyar has been initiated to prune expenditure and improve production, which, it is hoped, will bring about satisfactory results in the not too distant future. Voluntary workers will have to be attracted to the many departments at Adyar so as to ensure that a spirit of solidarity and devoted service prevails at headquarters. It is urgently necessary to make the estate at Adyar more secure from intrusions, since pressures are growing in the city in which the population is rising. Though stringent steps have to be taken in various departments to avoid cost increases, we cannot afford to hold back on measures which are essential to preserve the security and sanctity of the Headquarters.

Reports have been received as usual from various Sections. Consequent upon the upsets which have taken place in the Secretary's office, a full picture is not yet available of work around the world. World membership is, on the whole, steady, being around 34,000. In the Indian Section the numerical strength continues to rise. There are now more than 9800 members in this Section,

which is the largest. A number of Lodges in India are about to celebrate their centenaries, their founding having been inspired by the arrival of H.P.B. and H.S.O. in the country.

The report from the United States is a detailed one, showing that there is much more emphasis on audio-visual programmes. Three radio series are bringing Theosophical concepts to the public. A number of workshops have been held. The special issues of *The American Theosophist* have received widespread appreciation, and Quest books are being marketed in the different continents.

The Canadian Section has placed H.P.B.'s works in various libraries and made available a photographic version of the first volume of *The Theosophist*. In the Canadian Federation a new Publishing Company has been established and French translations of *Thoughts for Aspirants* by N. Sri Ram and *Principles of Theosophical Work* by I. K. Taimni have been published.

There has been a change of officers in the European Federation. Mrs. Barbro Melander is now the Chairman in the place of Mrs. Madeleine Leslie-Smith. She has made a call to serious study, and plans to issue periodical newsletters to strengthen the link within Europe.

The English Section's headquarters was kept open in August for the first time. The previous practice had been to close for the entire holiday season. Several enquiries were received during the month of August, justifying the departure from the old practice. A number of study-courses and week-end programmes took place in the Tekels Park estate. Much use has been made of the Section's library and collection of taped lectures.

It is reported that in Greece the Section's magazine, *Ilissos*, goes out to

3600 subscribers, who include a large number of non-T.S. members. Two new Lodges have been founded in the Section. In Italy an increase in the membership and in the subscriptions to the Section's journal is reported. The Section is seeking to obtain legal incorporation which will enable it to benefit from legacies. Some publications have been brought out in Italian.

Austria is the centre for the Adyar Verlag's German publications. Dr. and Mrs. Norbert Lauppert have been almost totally responsible for all the work involved in the publication and distribution of these German books. In the last year, the second volume of *The Mahatma Letters* and two books of Dr. Annie Besant were brought out by Adyar Verlag. The Theosophical magazine in German, also named *Adyar*, is edited and published from Germany.

The Swiss General Secretary reports that the Headquarters in Geneva has been moved to new premises. In this Section, as well as in several others, work has been carried on as usual. In France, the General Secretary, Mme. Françoise Caracostea, has been working hard to establish better contacts with the provinces and to stimulate work outside Paris. The journal, *Le Lotus Blue*, which was founded by H.P.B., is regularly brought out. The Lodges in Belgium are few in number, but the General Secretary mentions that a spirit of harmony prevails in the work. The Netherlands Section has been stressing the necessity to understand Theosophy in the right sense. Dr. W. H. van Vledder has been appointed by the University of Leiden as Professor of Metaphysics to be presented from a Theosophical point of view.

Finland responded to Adyar's needs, as have various other Sections, by collect-

ing funds and sending a donation. Its estate in the country, Kreivila, attracts a large number of members each year to the summer-school and other courses. Last year the Swedish Section also organized its summer-school in Kreivila, thus making closer contact with the neighbouring Finnish members. Norway reports a small increase in membership. In Iceland, the Theosophical journal *Gangleri* goes out to 1600 persons and the strength of the Section continues to be very large in proportion to the total population. The Danish Section's report refers to translations of *The Divine Plan*, and *Personal Memoirs of H. P. Blavatsky* by Mary K. Neff being in preparation.

From the Southern hemisphere we hear of as many varieties of activities as from the Northern. New Zealand has made a call to all the Sections to encourage Meditation for World Peace and response was received from a number of Sections. The journal of the Section was offered at a special rate for one year which brought in 360 new subscribers. A spotlight campaign is being carried on to bring Theosophy to places where no Lodges exist. In Australia, Hobart and Canberra Lodges plan to have new homes. The Section continues regular broadcasts over 2 GB radio station. All Lodges in Australia receive the *Adyar Newsletter*. A number of activities have taken place in the Mount Helena Centre near Perth and the General Secretary comments on the usefulness of having such gathering-places.

In Indonesia, a new Publishing House has been founded and there is a programme to activate weak Lodges with the help of stronger ones. The Convention held in Djakarta was very representative and the present international Treasurer, Miss Siang Nio, was a participant. The Philippines Section is

rejoicing over the progress made in constructing a new Headquarters building, the previous one having been destroyed by fire. It is reported that there is somewhat of a recovery from the big drop in the previous year's membership, and much stimulation was received from Miss Joy Mills' visit. The Burmese Section consists of six Lodges concentrated in Rangoon. Obviously, Theosophy has yet to reach out to other areas in the country.

The East and Central African Section has had a membership consisting almost entirely of Indians. But now there is a possibility of Africans being drawn to the work as a result of Mr. Reuben Thuku's travelling and lecturing in Zambia, Tanzania and Kenya. Mr. Thuku had been sent by the Section to Adyar for a prolonged stay in order to prepare himself for such work. Mr. and Mrs. Rohit Mehta made an extended tour of the Section, which is reported to have been very useful. Conditions in South Africa are difficult, but work is being carried on in spite of the odds.

Most of the Sections of South and Central America are rather distant, physically, yet there is a deep devotion to the Society's work and a thirst for Theosophical knowledge and wisdom among the members there. The work in Cuba is continuing and it is reported that translations of Dr. Taimni's *Self-Culture* and other works have been brought out. Joint meetings of all the members in the Section are being held in different Lodges. A successful summer-school was organized by the Argentine Section, once again in Corboda. Land has been bought in San Rafael for the holding of conventions and other gatherings. In Colombia work is taking place in a renovated Headquarters building. Mr. Walter Ballesteros is giving a lead in

presenting Christianity in a Theosophical light. Brazil organized its first summer-school and also had a seminar on Science and Theosophy. Portions of *The Secret Doctrine* and *Isis Unveiled* have been translated for publication in Portuguese. The report from Uruguay mentions that new admissions include young people. Work is being carried on also in Chile and Peru.

Reports from certain other Sections are not available to me. Work goes on in them as well as in the Lodges attached direct to Headquarters, they being in areas where there is no other Theosophical activity. The Nippon Lodge in Tokyo had 200 participants at its bi-annual conference and published *The Astral Plane*. Singapore Lodge has started a book-shop and participated in a book-fair. Comilla Lodge in Bangladesh has made a report which shows very regular activity. Fako Lodge in the Cameroons and Cairo Lodge have little opportunity for personal contact with other members. In Israel, also, there are some Lodges attached to Headquarters. A Hebrew version of *The Key to Theosophy* has been published by the members.

Young members of the Society have had a role in the work everywhere. It is through young minds that a new awareness is more likely to come of the profound import which the Society's work could have for the world. Those who are young in body can achieve a great deal if they have, in addition to youth, a steady and disinterested approach to problems and the brightness of mind to probe them. H.P.B. wrote that the attainment of the Society's real objects 'can best be secured by convincing the reason and warming the enthusiasm of the generation of fresh young minds that are just ripening into maturity, and making ready to take the place of their

prejudiced and conservative fathers.' Fortunately, there are some dedicated young members in the Society. Mr. Arnold Sisson Filho of Brazil is the Chairman of the World Theosophical Youth Federation which serves to link the work of young members all over the world. The official organ of the Federation is *The Universal Man* and is directed to all young people who are in sympathy with our Objects.

The Theosophical Order of Service is active in a number of countries. Miss Gusta Koopman, who was the International Secretary of the Order for some time, had to be relieved of her duties because of failing health and Mr. C. R. N. Swamy has been appointed in her place. It is to be hoped that there will be much greater energy in the work of the Order under his direction.

In concluding, I should like to draw attention to some points which have been placed before the General Council of the Society, to which attention must be given not only by the Council but by all earnest workers. We have to confront the fact that numerous Lodges of the Society have ceased to attract the thought-

ful and the altruistic minded and that they hardly exercise an influence for good in the area in which they are situated, or help man to understand and assimilate the eternal verities. Though every Section, Federation, Lodge or other unit has been provided with a basic autonomy in the Society, the Society has nonetheless to retain a vital homogeneity. It would be undesirable to create an atmosphere of constraints or conformity within the Society, but the Society should not become a loose Federation of disparate groups with disparate aims. There has to be clarity of direction and a serious purpose in the world-wide work of the Society or else it cannot be an instrument for human regeneration. Freedom does not imply that any constituent of the Society, whether big or small, can decide what should be the purpose of the Society's work in reference to the work of that constituent. At the present moment there is a crying necessity to see clearly and deeply the *raison d'être*, character and elevated nature of the Society's work which, I hope, members will begin to do at this Convention.

RADHA BURNIER

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## THE TREASURER'S REPORT

**INTRODUCTORY:** I am glad to report that there has been a fall in the deficit during the year under review (1979-80) as compared with the previous year both on account of increase in Income and decrease in many items of Expenditure.

Depreciation on immovable properties, amounting to Rs. 112,803, has been taken direct to the Balance Sheet as was done last year.

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT:

#### A. Income:

There were increases under the items listed below:

	Rs.
1. Donations	.. 22,477
2. Fees and Dues	.. 18,481
3. Interest and Dividends earned	.. 18,672
4. Quarters Maintenance (Recoveries)	.. 38,220

Adjusting other minor variations, the net income was more by Rs. 95,739 as compared with the previous year.

'Adyar Newsletter' showed a deficit of Rs. 1,251 in the year under review as against the surplus of Rs. 6,262 in the previous year, partly due to fall in subscriptions.

A sum of Rs. 21,000 received during the year from the Krishnamurti Foundation (India) for use and occupation of the buildings at Damodar Gardens (for the period 1-9-79 to 31-3-80) has been included in the Income and Expenditure account under the head 'Licence Fees'.

The final result was an excess of Expenditure over Income of Rs. 39,509 only as compared with the previous year's deficit of Rs. 97,008.

#### B. Expenditure:

##### Departmental Results:

The Departmental results showed a net increase in deficit of Rs. 37,502 during the year mainly on account of lower surpluses or larger deficits of the following Departments.

##### (a) Fall in surplus:

	Rs.
1. Leadbeater Chambers	.. 6,989
2. Theosophical Publishing House	.. 16,194

##### (b) Increase in deficit:

	Rs.
1. Maintenance Department	7,038
2. Vasanta Press	.. 30,534

1. **Adyar Library:** The Publication Account showed a deficit of Rs. 13,863 as against a surplus of Rs. 5,081 in the previous year. No Government grant for publications was received during the year, whereas a sum of Rs. 13,968 had

been received as grant in the previous year. However, the increase in the net deficit of the year was negligible.

**2. Bhojanasala:** The excess of Expenditure over Income for the year on Boarding was less by Rs. 2,819 in comparison with last year. The surplus on Lodging increased by Rs. 8,876 in spite of Rs. 4,000 more provided as reserve for repairs to buildings.

The overall result was a net surplus of Rs. 11,467 which was Rs. 8,450 more as compared with the previous year and Rs. 8,657 more as compared with the anticipated surplus in the Budget.

**3. Garden Department:** There was an increase of Rs. 18,056 in the gross returns in the Cultivation Account which lead to a fall in the net deficit by Rs. 12,544 for the year under review.

A sum of Rs. 1,272 spent on 'Casuarina Development Scheme' during the year has been capitalised. The other items of Capital Expenditure were: 'Cashewnut Development Scheme'—Rs. 5,168; 'Jasmine Scheme'—Rs. 1,621.

**4. Leadbeater Chambers:** The excess of Expenditure over Income on 'Boarding' went up by Rs. 2,944. The surplus on Lodging was also up by Rs. 280 and a sum of Rs. 10,000 has been provided as Reserve for future repairs to the buildings as was done in the previous year.

There was a fall in the net surplus by Rs. 6,989 as compared with last year.

**5. Maintenance Department:** The net deficit was Rs. 7,038 more than that of the previous year.

**6. The Theosophical Publishing House:** The net deficit under 'The Theosophist'

was more by Rs. 8,886 as compared with the previous year. There was a fall of Rs. 4,203 and Rs. 31,986 under 'Advertisement Revenue' and 'Donations' respectively. Income from Subscriptions, however showed an increase of Rs. 29,037.

The gross profit on Sales of the T.P.H. for the year was less by Rs. 19,877 mainly on account of a revised procedure followed during the year in valuation of the closing stock of publications.

There was an increase of Rs. 8,416 under 'Royalty Payments' for the year and the final result showed a fall in surplus by Rs. 16,194 in comparison with the previous year.

**7. The Vasanta Press:** The gross income was less by Rs. 25,668 and the final result was a net deficit of Rs. 67,045 as against last year's Rs. 36,511.

## BALANCE SHEET:

**1. General Fund:** The sums of Rs. 8,100 and Rs. 47,657 received towards 'Bequests' and 'Donations' respectively have been credited to this Fund. The amount of Rs. 377,986 shown under 'T.S. Building Fund for use of Olcott Schools' has been transferred to this Fund since the construction of the new Olcott School buildings has been completed and fully paid for. After adjusting Depreciation on immovable properties amounting to Rs. 112,803 and the deficit of Rs. 39,509 for the year, the balance of the Fund stood at Rs. 5,920,663 as against Rs. 5,636,821 as on 31st March 1979.

**2. A.B.C. Fund:** Total donations received to the corpus of this Fund during the year amounted to Rs. 61,723 and the balance stood at Rs. 2,293,181 as on 31st March 1980.

**3. John Coats Adyar Centenary Fund:**

While we are happy to note the trend of reduction in annual deficits, the cash-flow position still remains difficult. Cash requirements for our regular payments exceed our normal cash receipts by about Rs. 300,000 per annum.

To make up the shortfall, including provision for expansion in future years, the General Council, at its last meeting in December 1979, decided that an Endowment Fund be created in memory of our late President, Mr. John B. S. Coats, and in commemoration of the Centenary of the establishment of the

International Headquarters of the Society at Adyar in 1882.

The Fund will have a target of Rs. 5,000,000. When achieved, this would yield an additional annual cash income of about Rs. 500,000. Contributions so far received amount to Rs. 400,435. It is hoped that widest publicity will be given to this fund and that every member, Lodge and Section will contribute generously so that the target may be reached soon, preferably before the Centenary Celebration of Adyar.

C. R. N. SWAMY,  
*Hony. Treasurer.*



REPORTS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIES  
OF NATIONAL SOCIETIES, REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS  
AND FEDERATIONS, PRESIDENTIAL  
AGENTS, ETC.

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These reports in some instances have been translated  
into English, edited or condensed in the office of the  
International Secretary.

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## THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The American Section has a steady increase in its membership and the Publishing House has had a very good year.

The audio visual department, a part of the Department of Education has distributed materials to 1,319 members. The films lent out to Lodges and Study Centres are in great demand as they are an excellent drawing card for the public.

Our National Lecturer has been Bing Escudero who has lectured all over the country with great success.

The Theosophical Research Institute has concentrated in getting ready Dr. Stephen Phillips' book the "Extrasensory Perception of Quarks." This will be off the press on December 1. The cassettes reproduced from our Science seminars have been distributed all over the world as well as our films.

The Society in the United States is closely associated with six Quest Bookshops—Wheaton, New York, Seattle, Los Angeles, San Antonio, Oakland and Boston. The book shops play an important part in theosophical work, in distribution of the theosophical materials as well as attracting the public to the Society.

The four theosophical camps are an integral part of the activities of the American Section. They draw a great many young people and are situated in the Northwest, Orcas Island; Pumpkin Hollow Farm, New York State; Far Horizons, the High Sierras, California; and in Sulphur Springs, Arkansas.

DORA KUNZ,  
*National President.*

## ENGLAND

The English Section continued its varied activities for the propagation of Theosophy at a steady pace as in earlier years. These included the successful Annual Convention, Summer School, several seminars, participation at the Olympia Festival, very active Information Office at the Headquarters, well-patronised Library and Tape Library, book-publishing and sale of books and artefacts, and many week-end residential camps at Tekels Park, Camberley.

There was a net increase of 25 members, taking the total to 2,165. There are now 65 Lodges and 19 Centres in the Section.

Mr. Seymour Ballard of U.S.A. was the Guest Speaker at the successful English Convention. The English Speaking Region Summer School was held at High Leigh with Guest Speaker Mr. Curt Berg of Sweden supported by well-known speakers from within the Region.

At Headquarters, various activities take place every night of the week except on Saturday, which is reserved for meetings and seminars.

The Information Office sold many books and a considerable amount of jewellery in the form of the Society Seal on brooches and pendants, and distributed

large numbers of leaflets to Lodges and to visitors to the Public Lectures.

The Tape Library has been expanding steadily and over 30 titles are now available to borrowers. These are proving invaluable to isolated members and small Lodges.

The Development Officer, Miss I. H. Hoskins, visited not only Federations within the Society in England, but also lectured for other organisations and other Sections, mostly in Europe.

*Federations.*—The English Section is sub-divided into Federations, which arrange workshop sessions and residential weekends to encourage better friendship among members and deeper understanding of theosophical principles.

The Publishing House issued one book titled "The Foundations of Esoteric

Philosophy" from the writings of H.P.B. selected by Miss Hoskins. Book sales have increased despite the general recession, improving the financial position of T.P.H.

Several residential week-ends were held at Tekels Park, Camberley, during the year. These were well attended. Also camps run by the Round Table and Liberal Catholic Church were held.

The Benevolent Fund helped 14 members during the year.

As we enter on a new period in the life of the Society with a new President, there is a feeling of renewed vitality and life surging through the Section. We offer Mrs. Burnier our continuing support and help in the work which lies ahead.

MARION E. CAWS,  
*General Secretary.*

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## INDIA

In the first place, we mourn the sad and untimely demise of our beloved ex-President Bro. J. B. S. Coats and pray for his eternal peace. He was blessed with a very warm heart, great energy and enthusiasm, and took a keen interest in the growth of the Indian Section by touring every year to different Lodges and Federations.

We feel a sense of satisfaction and gratification that our new President, Smt. Radha Burnier, is well-versed with the working of the Indian Section, having been its General Secretary for almost two decades. Our sisters in the Indian Section can also feel proud that one among them is the first Indian lady to preside over the destiny of our Society.

Theosophy is knowledge about the Almighty and its propagation must therefore be endless like Him. I feel it is my

duty to highlight some important aspects of work in the Indian Section for the propagation and advancement of Theosophy. Our workers are the sentient instruments for such propagation, while finances and property are the insentient instruments. Both are equally important and necessary for advancement of the cause.

I am sorry to report that some members of our Society are swayed unduly by the insentient instruments to such a great extent that they forget the basic tenets of Theosophy like brotherhood. They try to grab the property of the Society for such uses as would hamper all truly Theosophical activities.

Another noteworthy drawback is the acute dearth of devoted and scholarly workers capable of imparting Theosophy to their neighbourhood by their personal

mode of living and not merely by impressive exposition in speech. People today are very sensitive to hypocrisy and would notice all too quickly if we do not practise what we preach.

In this connection, I would like to draw the attention of our members to a valuable book of our late leader Dr. Taimni, "The Principles of Theosophical Work." It sums he wrote it as if in anticipation of the various hurdles in our way. In this book, Dr. Taimni has graphically listed the do's and don'ts for workers who attempt to shed the lustre of Theosophy on the world at large.

Dr. Taimni has given in the book extremely useful and practical suggestions on attracting new members, the creation and efficient running of Lodges, libraries and other work; on working of Federations and their liaison with Lodges and with Section Headquarters. He also discusses such basic activities as training centres, the importance of language publications, and systematic teaching of Theosophy to bring about inner unfoldment. He outlines what a real Theosophical worker should be, and points out that while lecturing is quite essential, mere glib talkers can little advance the cause of Theosophy. I would urge all our members to study Dr. Taimni's book to gain a new insight on how to advance the cause of Theosophy.

*Membership.*—Our membership has reached 9,811—an increase of 50 during the year—in 455 lodges and centres. While these figures are quite impressive, and while many of the Lodges are pretty active, it is my painful duty to report that we are faced with a great dearth of seasoned, dedicated and knowledgeable workers at all levels—whether it be Lodge, Federation or Section. I would with all humility, but with all the force at my command, implore each member to come

forward to study Theosophy in depth and be able to impart its verities lucidly, and above all to set a personal example by living a simple, unassuming, ego-less life.

Every individual thinks, talks and acts in his own particular way. Recognising this uniqueness of each individual, the other requirement of a good worker is the capacity to work with persons of different temperaments, background, views and attitudes.

Yet another important aspect of our work I would like to stress is to implore all bona fide members to exercise their inherent power of discernment and vigilance not to let persons with ulterior motives into the Society—and, further, if they are somehow in, to see that their nefarious designs do not succeed. For example, properties are acquired and exist for spreading Theosophy and cannot be allowed to be used for activities which will undermine the Theosophical cause.

We have today a few youth lodges and several of the lodges have enrolled younger members desirous of studying and working for Theosophy. We must do everything in our power to attract younger blood into our fold, but it should only be by the Theosophical way of study, self-surrender and selflessness. If they come by superficial attraction, they may not endure long for want of depth.

*Service Activities.*—We are running children's schools at many places and also colleges and schools for girls and boys at quite a few places. We are running homoeopathic and charitable dispensaries at some places. We are running small and big libraries, and the Adyar Library is one of the foremost in India. At a few places we have hostels for students and at least at one place we are running an old men's home.

Our National Lecturers, Bros. A. Suryanarayan Moorti and Prof. H. E. Hakim visited numerous lodges and gave inspiring talks during the year. So did Bros. S. Krishnamurti and Rohit Mehta. Several workers from Varanasi, including the General Secretary, also visited many Lodges in various parts of India and gave lectures. In addition, President Radhaji and officials of several Federations and Lodges also travelled a good deal and shed the light of theosophy for the benefit of members as well as non-members. I may briefly state that all the workers received a good response in their visits.

I have to record with regret and reverence the passing on of nearly 70 of our Brothers of long-standing. We send our heartfelt condolences to their near and dear ones and pray for their eternal peace. I can mention only a few names who did considerable work in propagating Theosophy. Among them are Dr. (Mrs.) Jean Raymond, Shri N. B. Parameswara Iyer, Shri Khurshed S. Daboo, Smt. Shashidevi, Shri N. S. Ramanathan, Smt. Kirtida H. Mehta, Smt. Lakshmi Devamma, Shri Suleman Samuel Cohen, Shri C. N. Razdan, Shri S. B. Varma, Shri S. R. Bhartiya, and Mrs. Bridget Paget.

I wish to record our grateful thanks to all those who have helped the Society by their sincere work and by their monetary donations. I express my thanks to all my colleagues at Varanasi and elsewhere, each one of whom strove in his own way to do his best.

The Theosophical Society is an organization with the noble aim of bringing about a new outlook on life and a spiritual regeneration of society and it is the duty of each individual member to contribute his best to advance the cause of Theosophy by better understanding, love, reverence, and dedicated service. In a Society so widely extended and non-authoritarian in character, basing its activities on the initiative and understanding of its members, the responsibility of each member is paramount in the progress of the movement as a whole.

While the work of the Indian Section as a whole goes on steadily, let us apply our energy and resources to overcome weaknesses, vested interests and the tendency to be satisfied with stereotype activities.

H. B. VAISHNAV,  
*General Secretary.*

## AUSTRALIA

The year witnessed increasing vitality in some of the Lodges. This was particularly noticeable in those lodges willing to experiment with different forms of presentation to explain and expound the basic principles of Theosophy—through seminars, workshops and residential weekends. The Mt. Helena Centre deserves special mention in this regard.

On the debit side, a disquieting feature

is the complaint that 'no Theosophy is given in the lodge'. New members especially join to learn more about our philosophy and are often disappointed and sometimes resign. It has to be conceded that the level of presentation is often dull and anachronistic. We need to leave our ivory towers and acquaint ourselves with what is happening in the world. We should correlate the latest

trends in modern thought with Theosophical principles and present our ideas in a modern idiom.

*Annual Convention.*—A successful Convention was held 19-26 Jan. 1980 in Brisbane, Queensland. Miss Joy Mills was Guest Speaker. Apart from her three thought-provoking talks on "The Human Journey", she lead workshop sessions and gave a radio interview, which later resulted in two Brisbane members presenting a series of broadcasts on some of the great world religions.

Among the highlights of the Convention was the session on the Theosophical Order of Service titled "Focus on Peace" in which Stella Cornelius spoke of her work with the important Media Peace Prize.

*Membership Endowment Scheme.*—The Membership Endowment Scheme was announced in the September 1980 issue of "Theosophy in Australia" and already three members have joined. By paying the sum of \$400 members endow the national component of their dues for life. This scheme has proved successful in the United States in building up a permanent source of income.

*Membership.*—Membership now stands at 1,213, a decrease of 18 over last year. Death has claimed several dedicated members, among them John Charteris, Marjorie Lister, Marie Byles, Ray Blanch, Catherine Brooks and Edith Oliver.

*Lodges.*—Several lodges have increased their membership, among them Canberra, which registered an increase of 50%. Perth Lodge's Mt. Helena Centre has continued to generate interest through its seminars. The enthusiasm of members is so strong that donations have been received for library books, and for construction of the main meeting centre, for which plans have been drawn up.

The urgent need for such centres elsewhere is apparent not only from the success

of Mt. Helena but from the popularity of weekend seminars held by other lodges. The weekend residential seminars enable members to get to know each other better in a relaxed atmosphere. These seminars were held by Hobart, Launceston, Canberra, Blavatsky, and Cairns Lodges. Adelaide, Melbourne and Blavatsky Lodges have also held very successful day seminars on their premises. Several lodges have formulated plans to have a permanent home.

Most lodges meet regularly at least once a week and it is noticeable that these tend to prosper more than those which only meet once or twice per month. Many lodges involve themselves in the community in various ways.

*Groups.*—No report of the work of the lodges would be complete without also mentioning the splendid work of the smaller groups—Albury, Gosford and St. George. Particular mention should be made of the Gosford Group under Mr. John Green's able leadership. He makes available books and cassettes through the library he has established, arranges for speakers and attends to publicity.

I would like to see many more such groups throughout Australia. Not only do they do very effective work but they do not have the administrative problems of lodges. What they do need is one or more members who are willing to work hard and who like a challenge.

*Services to Lodges and Members.*—The following material is available from the Headquarters Office to augment Lodge programmes and for individual members wanting to know more about Theosophy: Resource Catalogue, listing available books, leaflets, cassettes, films, etc.; Study Material on various topics of Theosophy; Tape Library; Publicity Leaflets and Pamphlets; Films and Slides;

Adyar Newsletter; Contact Letters; and Letters to New Members.

*Correspondence Course.*—During the year 22 new students have enrolled in the Correspondence Course.

*Bookshops.*—Not only do our bookshops spread theosophical teachings in the form of books, but they are valuable resource centres where publicity leaflets announcing coming events can be distributed. Major bookshops are located in Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth and Sydney. Some of the smaller lodges also sell books.

*Quest Book Agency.*—Mrs. Novy is continuing her excellent work as Quest Book Manager, selling books not only to lodges but also trade customers throughout Australia. Quest also acts as agent for several other publishing firms in India, the United States and U. K.

*National Lecturer.*—Following his appointment at the Convention, our National Lecturer, Mr. Dudley Gower, visited lodges in Adelaide, Canberra, Hobart, Melbourne, Newcastle and Perth, and the group at Gosford. He also assisted with talks and seminars in Sydney. His knowledge of Theosophy and trends in modern thought, together with the warmth of his personality has endeared him to members wherever he has spoken.

We are particularly appreciative of the short lecture tours made by Mrs. Betsan Coats, Mr. Jack Patterson, Mrs. Elsie Innes and Mrs. Edna Jenks to various lodges.

Our journal "Theosophy in Australia" was published quarterly as before, and has continued the practice of using local contributors. It endeavours to cater for all tastes and to devote some space for T.O.S. activities. We would like to publish at least one special issue per year devoted to some specific aspect of Theosophy as is done in America.

*Theosophical Order of Service.*—Groups and individuals continue to work around Australia for the T.O.S., covering the widest possible expression of Theosophy in action—not only in raising funds to assist charities, including overseas projects, but also participating in various social and humanitarian programmes.

*Research Library.*—A useful research library is slowly being built up, comprising mainly theosophical literature. It is used from time to time by researchers, mostly post-graduate students. Earlier this year we received from Adyar the complete Diaries of Colonel Olcott on microfilm as a gift.

ELAINE MURDOCH,  
General Secretary.

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## SWEDEN

The highlight of the year is the Summer School held at Kreivilae, the Summer Home of the Finnish Section between Helsinki and Turku. Our Guest Speaker was Dr. Harry Upadhyay, chairman of the London Federation. Under the theme "Many Paths—One Goal" he gave us several lectures and seminar meetings

covering a wide range of aspects on religion and yoga. It was very pleasant to visit our Finnish friends who assisted us in all ways to make our Summer School a success.

Organized activities take place in five Lodges/Groups and at our headquarters, with a rather intense programme in

Stockholm. Most Lodge meetings are open also to non-members. Some Public Lectures were organized in Stockholm, and visiting lecturers included Hasse Smerlov and Flemming Hansen from Denmark and Arne Hansen from Norway. At the headquarters Curt Berg continued with a study circle on *The Secret Doctrine*, and other circles were arranged on Meditation and "Life-Energy-Love".

The annual turnover of our bookshop increased by 20%. It is located in central Stockholm and managed by voluntary assistance of members.

The Swedish edition of *Basic Ideas of the Occult Wisdom* is ready for offset-printing by the Vasanta Press, Adyar.

We continue to work with two periodical publications: *Teosofi i Norden* produced in cooperation with the Norwegian Section, circulated also to the public, and a Members Magazine—both appearing four times a year.

There was a slight increase of seven in membership during the year, and the total now is 284.

GUNNAR LARSON,  
General Secretary.

## NEW ZEALAND

We in the New Zealand Section are marching ahead in a spirit of dedication to the great ideals of Theosophy. The varied activities of the Society are successfully carried on with a great deal of enthusiasm and voluntary service.

Many of our members are giving freely of their time and energy to pass on to the world the true meaning of the Brotherhood of Humanity. Realizing that membership of the Theosophical Society is a wonderful privilege, they are serenely choosing a life of self-sacrifice—the sacrifice of the lower self or personality. Intuitively they know that our Society, under the direction of the Masters of Wisdom, is preparing its members to become part of a universal beneficent force, so they begin to try and understand that all Life is one and expand their consciousness to include the whole.

The Section consists of 17 Lodges, the same number as in 1979, with a total membership of 1,528. We continue to send monthly letters to all new members for the first 18 months, and receive many letters of appreciation of this service.

A special introductory offer brought in 360 new subscribers to our monthly magazine "Theosophy in New Zealand". A number of lodges are taking advantage of free time offered by commercial radio stations for local events to advertise Theosophical Public Lectures. The General Secretary spoke on the National Network on 9th December 1979 in the third broadcast of the series "For the Faithful", and a lengthy interview given by her to a free-lance journalist was carried by a radio station.

*Meditation for World Peace*—At the suggestion of one of our members, a *Meditation for World Peace* was drawn up and sent, in April, to all General Secretaries throughout the world, to all Lodges in Australia and to all members of our Section. There has been a most gratifying response, and all expressed a feeling of joy in this avenue of service.

*Films*—Our new 16mm colour film "Holistic Health" was offered to all Lodges and taken round, with a talk, by the General Secretary. All audiences were deeply impressed. We now have

nine films available for borrowing free of charge to religious, educational and cultural groups. We have ordered three more from the U.S.A., as films afford valuable publicity. American publicity leaflets have again this year been imported and distributed in large numbers.

The National Lecturer and the General Secretary offered their services to every lodge in New Zealand as well as gave public lectures at other places. National Lecturer Mr. Gavin Laurie also conducted seminars at both Adyar and Krotana and spoke at several lodges in California.

In towns where there is no Theosophical Lodge, the Section continues to finance and organise public talks, often with the use of films. Free literature is distributed and books are sold from a "suitcase bookshop". These "spotlight" campaigns help to bring the message of Theosophy to small towns and outlying areas.

A revised edition of the booklet "The Path to the Masters of the Wisdom" was printed in June. Copies were sent to all members and to all General Secretaries offering free copies. Much appreciation has been expressed by many Sections who have written for additional copies.

Our Magazine "Theosophy in New Zealand" reached a gratifying circulation of 8,900 and is the recipient of continued high praise from overseas as well as from our members.

*Theosophical Cassette Centre*—Several hundred cassettes of Public Lectures, Talking Books, and "Yoga of Light" have been sold, including 64 to overseas

buyers. Three master copies of "Yoga of Light" in French were sent to the French, Swiss and Belgian Sections, with permission to copy for their own distribution.

Our Library has been a valuable collection of source material, and nearly 250 books were loaned, some to non-members of the Society. Forty-four new titles were added during the year.

Young Theosophists held two highly successful camps during the year. Emphasis was laid in these camps on recreation and appreciation of nature as essential elements in the life of youngsters.

The Theosophical Order of Service Healing Ceremony has been established in Auckland by Young Theosophists and is conducted weekly. In Wellington also a group of keen young members is starting a Healing Group.

Contributions to our Voluntary Fund, totalling \$1,961, was forwarded to the Non-English Speaking Publications Fund at Wheaton, earmarked for the Indo-Pacific Area.

Our Investment Fund for Adyar now stands at \$2,492. The interest from this is remitted annually to Adyar.

In conclusion, 1979 was a successful year of activities for our Section, and we are confident that with the generous cooperation of our members we can look forward to a future of continued growth and service.

MAVIS HARDY,  
General Secretary.

## NETHERLANDS

In addition to routine Theosophical activities, we in the Netherlands held a summer school and three study weekends during the year under review.

As of 30th September 1980, we had 24 Lodges and 908 members.

One study week-end in November 1979 discussed "The Esoteric Background of

Christianity". Two others in March and May 1980 concerned "Dying as an Art of Living"—the process of dying, mourning and the escort of relatives. Attendance at all three study week-ends was satisfactory.

*Summer School*—The Summer School (July 25-31, 1980) was on "From Atlantis to Aquarius". Among the more than 200 participants were many non-members who partook in the meetings and workshops with great enthusiasm.

Our magazine *Theosophia* was issued six times during the year. The editorial staff redesigned the periodical and made it attractive. Many non-members became subscribers.

Our Newsletter appeared five times.

Our Publishing House and Bookshop had another useful and worth-while year. It also undertook the sale of "Vehicles of Consciousness"—a book in four volumes of Prof. Dr. J. J. Poortman, a Dutch scholar.

Despite a lot of work by our Librarian Daniel van Egmond and others, the re-opening of our Library in Amsterdam had to be postponed to January 1981. By then we hope to have a modern and up-to-date Library, which will also include a Study Centre.

*Staff Course Concludes*—The year also

marked the conclusion of the four-year Staff Training Course. The course stressed new forms of propagating Theosophy, such as giving lectures and guidance to groups as well as improvement of inner and outer relations.

Much attention was paid to spread Theosophical ideas. A pamphlet on Theosophy was published and a translation of an American Theosophical course is under consideration.

*Visiting Lecturers*—Mr. Rohit Mehta and Mrs. Shridevi Mehta gave lectures and musical performances in Lodges as well as in public meetings. These programmes attracted good audiences. They also led study courses.

Another feature of the year under report is the continuing fraternal collaboration with the Belgian section, highlighted by a Dutch-Flemish dinner in September.

One of our members, Dr. W. W. van Vledder, was appointed by the Theosophical Foundation Proclus as Professor of Metaphysics in the Spirit of Theosophy in the University of Leiden. Together with Mr. E. Verwaal he takes care of a college-course and a working group.

AREND HEYBROEK,  
General Secretary.

## FRANCE

Work of the Theosophical Society in France kept up the steady pace of earlier years.

There was a slight increase in membership during the year—from 1,391 to 1,402. Two new lodges were formed, making a total of 34.

Our headquarters in Paris continued

as the main centre of activities—with two public lectures a month and a weekly course on Theosophy, except during summer.

At the Annual Convention held in April, the public lecture was given by our guest of honour, M. Charles Lallemand, General Secretary of the Belgian Section. Many of our members

were present at the "Ecole d'Ete des Pays Latins" at Spa in Belgium.

Our magazine "Le Lotus Bleu" founded by Madame Blavatsky in 1887, has continued to be published as the official organ of the Belgian, Swiss and French Sections, with an average printing of 1,750 copies.

The Publishing House, Les Editions

Adyar, has supplied the French speaking people with some reprints of French translations, specially "The Chakras" which was out of print since many years.

Mrs. Radha Burnier and Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale visited us last June during their European tour.

FRANCOISE CARACOSTEA,  
*General Secretary.*

## ITALY

The Theosophical Society in Italy is growing year by year. We are happy to report that with an increase in membership of 74 during the year, the total number now is 805.

Subscribers to our magazine "Revista Italiana di Teosofia" also increased to 845, among them many non-members.

Several books were published during the year: second edition of "A Study in Consciousness" by Annie Besant; second edition of "The Chakras" by C. W. Leadbeater; and the fifth edition of the "Stanzas of Dzyan". Now the Section is engaged in the publication of a new revised edition of the "Secret Doctrine".

The Theosophical Society in Italy is working to obtain the legal incorporation in order to acquire some legacies in Milano and Genova, as well as to establish

a Theosophical Community for elderly members.

The General Secretary was re-elected in May for the fourth three-year term. He lectured during the year in nine cities and had a wide correspondence with members.

Our 66th Annual Convention was held in May with the participation of 140 members on the theme: Krishnamurti-Theosophy and the Theosophical Society. For the first time we had a guest speaker from Bombay, the Rev. Anthony Ellenjimmittam.

We hope that with the recognition of the legal status of the Theosophical Society in Italy, we shall have a greater impact on the nation.

EDOARDO BRATINA,  
*General Secretary.*

## GERMANY

During the year under review, Lodges were encouraged to conduct more study-groups for members and interested guests. In spring and autumn study-weekends were held, especially for members in North Germany.

Miss Ianthe Hoskins gave Public

Lectures in Berlin, Munich and Hamburg. During a week in May in South Germany she discussed her new book "Foundations of Esoteric Philosophy from the Writings of H. P. B." and spoke on Sankaracharya's "Vivekachoodamani".

Several lodge leaders travelled through

Germany and gave lectures at different places. The General Secretary visited and spoke at five lodges, one of them in Switzerland. She was also invited by the University of Bonn for a talk to students who had studied Theosophy in a seminar during winter.

Our Summer School in July was attended by members and guests from 11 countries, including G. D. R., an international gathering of 98 participants. Among lecturers from abroad were Dr. Hermine Sabetay from France, Dr. Norbert Lauppert from Austria, Mrs. Ruth Beringer from Australia and Mr. Arne Hansen from Norway.

Members were kept informed of international and German events of the Society through five newsletters.

From the beginning of 1980, the magazine "Adyar" for the German speaking countries is edited and published by the German Section three times annually, of 40 pages each. Besides our members in Germany, Austria and Switzerland, we have about 300 non-member subscriptions. We are happy about the new possibility of spreading the ideas of Theosophy through this magazine.

GERDA HOFER,  
*General Secretary.*

## CUBA

The highlight of the year was the 75th Annual Convention held in January in Havana around the theme "The Secret Doctrine and the Work of the XXI Century". Participants were treated to a number of illuminating lectures on the Secret Doctrine, Esoteric Philosophy, and the Divine Plan.

The year ended with 19 active Lodges, the same as the previous year. A number of members have left the country, and consequently membership decreased from 565 to 529.

All the 19 Lodges were, however, active with routine programmes—Lodge meetings, Public Lectures, special meetings on memorial days, study groups, books, magazines and correspondence with members and other individuals.

Our magazine "Revista Teosofica Cubana" is being published as usual,

although there have been some delays caused by lack of personnel. This was overcome toward the end of the year. The magazine serialised Dr. I. K. Taimni's books "The Secret of Self-Realization", "Gayatri" and "Self-Culture". They were translated by Bro. Dr. Dana Cruz-Bustillo Artigas. "The Science of Yoga" translated by Sis. Maria del Refugio Segon Pozos will be published shortly. We will soon start serialisation of "Glimpses into the Psychology of Yoga" by Dr. I. K. Taimni.

This is our modest effort to spread the message of Theosophy during this period. Although a number of our members left the country, the Section has continued its work with tenacity to keep high the Theosophical movement in Cuba.

DRA. LELIA FERNANDEZ PAGOLA,  
*President.*

## FINLAND

Propagation of the ageless wisdom of Theosophy has been going on at an even keel in Finland during the year under review.

Activities followed the customary lines of work: public lectures in 13 localities—7 in Helsinki once a week, at other places once a month; lodge meetings are open to non-members; the traditional festival meetings (17th November, 17th February, Kalevala Day 28th February, 8th May and Little X-mas at Advent time) and Annual Convention.

The Summer School and weekends at Kreivila Summer Home continued with good attendance. The Swedish Section also held its Summer School at Kreivila, with four Finnish guest speakers.

International visitors included Mrs. Radha Burnier in June for a week and Dr. B. R. Mullik for a fortnight in May. There has been an exchange of lecturers with the Swedish Section. Sixteen Finnish members went to the Adyar Annual Convention with the Swedish group.

*Publications*—"At the Feet of the Master" has been reprinted. A new publication is I. K. Taimni's "Self-Realization through Love". Blavatsky Lodge has published *Elonpyora* magazine, "Thought Power" by Annie Besant and two books by T. Subba Row. *Teosofi*, the Section's magazine, continues to be popular and was published 10 times during the year.

Two new lodges were formed, one in Helsinki and the other in a South Finland town. New members totalled 39 during the year, making a total membership of 511. Several lodges, however, were dormant for want of leaders and participation.

Owing to a legacy the Finnish Section donated a good sum to the John Coats Adyar Centenary Fund, and the collection for the same purpose is going on among the members.

SIRKKA KIVILINNA,  
*General Secretary.*

## SOUTHERN AFRICA

It is heartening to report increased activity by many of our younger members who are coming forward to shoulder responsibility in various Lodges. Serving the cause of Theosophy in whatever way possible helps to bring back that inner peace and contentment which is so lacking in these tension-ridden times.

Our Section had a net increase of 11 members during the year raising it from 326 to 337.

Many of the Lodges held workshop and discussion programmes. Psychic phenomena are still of great interest, as

part of our 3rd Object. Also Buddhist teachings are becoming popular, and several are engaged in Tai Chi Chuan.

Our 72nd Annual Convention, held in Pretoria, had as its theme "Theosophy and the Problems of Life." It was an animated programme and we all enjoyed the studies of "The Golden Stairs" under the guidance of Helen Thomson (Loveday).

During January 1980 we had the privilege of a visit from the ex-General Secretary from Holland, Maryan Brandt and his wife Mrs. Jettle Brandt. They

gave talks in Pretoria, Cape Town and Johannesburg. Also, for a short week-end in Johannesburg and a longer stay in Cape Town, we had with us Peggy de Vogel and Zoltan Algya-Pap. It was good for so many young people to hear Zoltan talking on the teachings of Theosophy.

The Convention in 1981 will be in Durban, and Dudley Gower who resides in Australia will be our Guest Speaker.

Let us hope that the Love for Power in our world will gradually be replaced by the Power of Love.

ANNA M. G. BISCHOFF,  
*General Secretary.*

## SCOTLAND

The Theosophical situation in Scotland gives rise to quiet optimism. A welcome feature during the year has been the revival of three of the Lodges in the Edinburgh area. This follows naturally from the large increase in activity in Edinburgh over the past five years. One of them will specialise in astrology and another in parapsychology, i.e. the third object of the Society.

In Aberdeen, one of the members has managed to form a group to study astrology, whose members have evinced an interest in the basic Theosophy behind astrology.

Glasgow Lodge has continued its varied activities, with several public lectures and other notable events, all of which had good attendance. In December 1979 a well-attended Open Night for members and friends was held, with representatives of the Hindu and Moslem communities present for an evening of Theosophical films and discussion.

In addition to its regular programme

of Public Lectures, the Edinburgh Lodge organised a series of Field Trips to Holy or Sacred sites. These trips are very well attended and create a bond between the participants. The Lodge Research Group is continuing investigations into dowsing, biofeedback, Kirlian photography and psychic impressions of Ancient and Sacred Sites. The Lodge's Meditation Group also holds a short session every Thursday.

The Guest of Honour at our Annual Convention was Dr. Harry Upadhyay, the President of the London Federation of Lodges, who delivered lectures on "Right Perception and Right Action" and "Mind and Supermind". Both talks were illuminating and well-received, with the delighted audience applauding him very warmly.

We look forward to a continued increase in our activities in the coming year.

JAMES G. MITCHELL,  
*General Secretary.*

## SWITZERLAND

Besides regular Theosophical activities, we in the Swiss Section are conducting a Training Course on the Basic Principles

of Theosophy in Geneva. Brother G. Tripet is the course Director.

Two week-end seminars were held

during the year—one on Meditation and the other on Esoteric Christianity.

Five Lodges are working on a regular basis, studying classical Theosophical books or experimenting with new approaches. We have a Public Lecture every week in Geneva, with an average attendance of 80 to 100 persons. We take an ad in the local newspaper and send out 400 personal invitations for each Public Lecture. In Basle there is one Public Lecture every month, with attendance averaging 25.

The demand for books from our libraries was very weak during the year.

We had to give up our Headquarters

inaugurated by Annie Besant in 1911. We have bought a new Headquarters, in the centre of Geneva, but it will be ready for occupation only in the fall of 1981. Meanwhile, Lodge activities are held at member's apartments, and public lectures at the University.

Some of our members attended the Summer Schools in France, Germany and Austria.

Dr. Mariz Nguyen Huan, a medical practitioner, has been elected as the new General Secretary. He takes office in January 1981.

**RICCO STREIFF,**  
*General Secretary.*

## BELGIUM

The Belgian Section has a good nucleus of active, devoted workers, maintaining an excellent climate of real harmony.

Much work was devoted during the year to the preparation for holding the Summer School of the Latin Countries at Spa in August, which elicited warm appreciation by the participants.

Weekly public lectures are organised every Saturday afternoon at the Headquarters. Subjects range from Theosophy and spiritual life to Occultism and philanthropy. Thirty-three lectures were given during the year, with average attendance of 41 members and sympathisers. Several of the Lodges also hold public lectures every month.

Five of the 9 Lodges in the Belgian Section are located in Brussels. Besides routine activities, they are engaged in holding study classes on several subjects such as "Spiritual-Astrology" "Initiation to Theosophy," "Together Towards

Happiness" and "The Science of Yoga"; guided meditation classes, and spiritual healing sessions.

The Annual Convention was organised by the Antwerp Lodge. Participation was excellent, and the atmosphere very warm and friendly.

Several Lodges are doing active work for the Order of Service, mainly in the form of collecting clothes and medicines for developing countries.

Maintenance of the Liege Lodge is largely supported by the earnings of Hatha Yoga lessons given in the premises by one of the members for the exclusive benefit of the Lodge.

Membership registered a slight decrease during the year from 229 to 216—resulting from exclusions for nonpayment of dues, deaths and resignations outweighing new admissions and re-admissions.

**CH. LALLEMAND,**  
*General Secretary.*

## INDONESIA

Our 17th Annual Congress was held in Jakarta last May, for which 17 of the 22 Lodges had sent delegates. The theme of the Congress was "To Attain a Deeper Understanding of the Wholeness of Man", which evoked keen interest among the participants—old and young alike. A welcome guest was Miss Annie Tjioe Siang Nio, who was visiting Indonesia at that time.

A welcome feature of the Congress was that junior members from several Lodges were active holding their own meetings and panel discussions on the Congress theme. It is hoped that they will continue the same active interest in basic Theosophical study, as in due course the onerous task of spreading Theosophy in this part of the world will fall on their shoulders.

It was decided to hold the next Congress in Solo, Central Java.

Some of our Lodges were not very active due to the inactivity of the leaders and scarcity of lecturers. Most of the

organizing officers have very limited leisure hours to devote to Theosophical work, and sometimes they have to stay away from Lodge work when they are too busy with their respective work.

Under the initiative and guidance of the Coordinating Officer of East Java, Bro. R. Soehatmo, some major active Lodges in that area have undertaken the responsibility of re-activating the dormant Lodges in that part of Indonesia. Central Java has its own Coordinating Officer too, Bro. Ananda Suyono, who will assist the smaller Lodges in Central Java. Only West Java is without a Coordinating Officer.

Our Publishing House was founded in February 1980 by Notarial Act. Some members and a sympathizer have started the translation of some Theosophical books. It is to be hoped that the number of translated books will increase rapidly in the coming years.

R. S. SOEJATNO,  
General Secretary.

## BURMA

In submitting this 68th Annual Report, I am proud to record that the year just concluded has been one of the most active years the Burma Section has experienced. Theosophical work was carried on in a spirit of brotherhood and harmony.

In Rangoon, the Olcott Lodge held weekly public lectures on various topics by well-known writers and speakers, followed by meditation sessions marked by devotion and earnestness. In addition, there were study classes, group discussions and talks on Theosophical subjects almost every Sunday.

I am glad to report that members of the Youth Lodge in Rangoon took great interest in the spread of Theosophy. Under the leadership of Bro. U Aye Maung, they held English classes during the summer holidays. They also willingly contributed voluntary labour in the Library and Headquarters work. The spirit of cooperation, understanding and voluntary labour service shown by our younger members is an encouraging portent for the future.

The 67th Annual Convention was held in Rangoon in November 1979. It was a great success, and was attended by

members with their families as well as a large number of friends and well-wishers. Bro. Dr. Daw Win Kyi, President of the Olcott Lodge, presided and guided the deliberations.

We have not been able to procure new books from abroad owing to strict Foreign Exchange regulations.

It is my painful duty to record the sad loss of several of our senior members—keen Theosophists and experienced lecturers—particularly Bro. U Kyan Aung

of Taunggyi, and Bros. Daw Thein Tin and U Kenneth Ba Sein, both of the Olcott Lodge. They were much beloved and will be greatly missed. May their good souls rest in peace.

In conclusion, we invoke the blessings of our Founders under whose help and guidance we look forward to maintain and uphold the high traditions of the Theosophical Society in Burma.

MAUNG GYI,

*General Secretary.*

## AUSTRIA

Among the highlights of the year was the republication of the German edition of two books of Annie Besant which were out of print for a long time—"The Path of Discipleship" and "Thought Power". Also a second volume of the "Mahatma Letters" was published by Adyar-Verlag, which is improving very well, thanks to the untiring and selfless work of Dr. Norbert Lauppert and his wife Margaret.

We registered a membership increase of eight, with a current total of 239.

The Headquarters in Vienna has been enlarged after the shifting of the Liberal Catholic Church to a nearby building.

We had our traditional Summer School in Pichl, which was also attended by some fellows from Germany, Switzerland and other countries. We had fine lectures and study groups of Dr. N. Lauppert, Dr. M. Hansmann, Prof. K. Schmid, Dr. H. Sabetay, Mrs. I. Scheithauer, Mrs. M. Linne and myself.

We have a fine cooperation with the

Hirshammer Verlag in Munic, which has published a German translation of Dr. Taimni's "Self-Culture" and also G. Meek's "Healer and the Healing Process". He will also publish a volume of C. W. Leadbeater's "The Astral Plane", "Devachan", "Dharma" and "Dreams." Mr. Hirshammer also visited the Summer School in St. Martin.

Routine activities like public lectures and discussion groups are being carried on on a continuing basis.

The Inauguration Address of our President has been translated into German by Dr. Lauppert, and copy has been sent to all our fellows together with my circular.

Every effort is being made to interest younger people and scholars of the University in Graz and also in Vienna in the teachings of Theosophy. In this task the cooperation of Prof. E. Topisch and Dr. Gerhard H. Franz is being enlisted.

JULIUS FLEISCHANDERL,  
*General Secretary.*

## NORWAY

The Norwegian Section during the year under report has continued its Theosophical work along the lines and within the frame of earlier years.

We held many important Public Lectures in Oslo. Among prominent speakers were Mr. Karl Rodosi from Goteberg/Sweden who delivered an illuminating address on "God's Finger" in October 1979, and Mr. Curt Berg from Stockholm, who lectured on "All Life Comes from Within" last March. Both talks were followed by interesting discussion and elicited enthusiastic response. In between and throughout the year our own members were speakers on various Theosophical topics.

Adyar Day was celebrated as usual, when Mr. Arne Hansen, who had participated in the 1979 International Convention, gave an informative report.

The Section is planning a Summer School for July 1981.

Our periodicals "Teosofi i Norden" and "Mini-TiN" were published regularly four times each, and the book sales from our library has been substantial.

Our membership remains the same at 107—five new members were admitted during the year, but four passed on and one resigned.

HILDA FRASER,

General Secretary.

## DENMARK

The past year has been a year of expansion and hard work for those members who have helped to arrange and set up our different activities, mostly centred at our Headquarters in Copenhagen.

Every Tuesday and Saturday we have public lectures. On Tuesdays our best lecturers give series with the main titles: "The Hidden Sides of Life—An Occult Study" and "The Occult Development in the New Era". On Saturdays we have more mixed titles, and often we invite lecturers from related movements or upcountry members to come and speak. These public lectures are well attended.

We also conduct lessons on Yoga, Relaxation and Healing Service in the Headquarters.

Our Public Library is well used by members as well as non-members. Book sales have registered an increase as a result of better organisation and hard work by four devoted members.

In the publications field, we are preparing two titles: "The Divine Plan" by Geoffrey Barborka, and "Personal Memoirs of H. P. Blavatsky" by Mary K. Neff—both translated by Ms. Sigrild Moller, Arhus.

Most of the 15 Lodges have been active during the year and lecturers from the Headquarters have visited many lodges in the provinces.

Our Annual Convention was held at Gammel Praestegaard, and for the first time without the host Mrs. Birgitte Valvanne, who passed over in June 1979.

Relatively more members joined the Society this past year, namely 28, so we hope still more members are willing to give a helping hand in spreading the Ageless Wisdom.

HARDY BENNIS,

General Secretary.

## CANADA

The Theosophical Society in Canada celebrated its 60th year last November. From the very beginning it has developed as a fellowship of free thinkers in the highest and best sense of that term—a Society in which free minds may grow, develop discrimination, preserve and disseminate the truth, and which will keep the torch of truth alight for the benefit of future generations. It has in short, endeavoured to uphold the values of its founders and the teachings of H. P. Blavatsky.

The Section and its numerous Lodges have been engaged in a variety of regular activities which would add up impressively. But there is no cause for complacency. There is much more to be done, and the coming years will see renewed efforts on the part of all dedicated members to hold high the torch of truth.

Death is always with us, but during this past year, the Canadian Section has lost a much larger number than usual of devoted members who gave long and valuable service to the Society. We salute them, thank them for their contribution, and hope by their inspiration other members will step in to continue the noble work.

The 60th volume of "The Canadian Theosophist" was completed with the Jan-Feb. 1980 issue. A number of sets of this volume have been bound together with Volume 59 and donated to various

university and other libraries. Twenty-five Canadian university libraries now participate in our programme started in 1965 under which H.P.B.'s works are gifted to them. Volume XII in the "H. P. Blavatsky Collected Writings" series, published in 1980, was presented to these libraries.

Our Home Study programme is only about a year and half old, but already promises to become a permanent service of the Canadian Section. We have now 28 students either on the introductory course or following up with "The Key to Theosophy".

Lodge libraries were supplied with copies of "Echoes of the Orient", the second volume in the Collected Writings of William Q. Judge; and of the first volume of "The Theosophist" photographically reproduced by a group of U.S. members on the occasion of the centenary of the magazine in October 1979.

We also have purchased a set of slides and tapes of a presentation on immortality, entitled "Continuum . . .", to be made available on free loan to Lodges and other interested groups.

The General Secretary visited England and the U.S.A. during the year and established valuable personal contacts with Miss Marion Caws, Mrs. Dora Kunz, Miss Joy Mills and others.

TED G. DAVY,  
General Secretary.

## ARGENTINA

Our Section's activities during the year under review were carried on with devotion to the highest ideals of Theosophy. It is useful to keep in mind that the Theo-

sophical work at the present time is offering a wide area in which to exercise our devotion to these ideals, making us more and more interested in applying them in

our own way for the promotion of better human conditions.

Highlights of our work included the 10th Camp organized by the "Himalaya" Lodge—Rio Cuarto, Cordoba; and the 65th Annual Meeting, which was followed by the 18th Summer School. These were attended by about 65 members from several parts of the country, as well as from the limiting Sections. All the studies were based on the topic "The Latent Powers of Man". Attendees were divided into six Study Groups dealing with different aspects of the theme, and their findings were discussed at the Convention.

The final reports by the Study Groups stressed the importance of such studies—not only from the Theosophical point of view, but also from that of the present state of the scientific field, as a means by which our Society may contribute to a deeper understanding of Nature and Human Culture.

With a view to gear up the work of the Society in Argentina, we have started a monthly magazine—to provide members news of Theosophical activities at the international and national level as well as educative articles. We hope by this means to attain a greater integration of our members in the work of the Section.

We have also started a new Educational Department to prepare and provide teaching material to improve the work of study groups and workshops. We are planning two training workshops during the coming summer—one in Rosario and the other in

Buenos Aires. The workshops will give training on "How to spread Theosophy", methods of working in groups, publicity, social and administrative work, and the teachings of Theosophical lecturing.

Our Summer School planned for April 1981 will be the 19th in the series, and the topic will be "The Discipleship as Seen by the Masters". The Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnett will be studied by five different groups, each of them studying all what those letters refer to for discipleship.

Several centres held special study meetings during the year under review in addition to their normal activities.

In San Rafael, Mendoza, a group of members have purchased some eight acres of land on behalf of the Society, which can be used for future Conventions, etc. Contributions are being raised for a building.

Four lodges ceased functioning in the Buenos Aires area because of lack of members.

Headway is being made in the revision of the National Bye-Laws. Draft of the proposed revisions has been sent to the Lodges for study and consideration.

Election was held for the post of General Secretary of the Section, and Mr. Juan Carlos Palmeri has been elected.

With greetings and best wishes from all the members of the Argentine Section.

JUAN CARLOS PALMERI,  
*General Secretary.*

## CHILE

Theosophical activities are conducted in the principal cities of Santiago and Valparaiso. Lodge meetings and public lectures are held in both cities on a weekly basis throughout the year, except during summer months.

In both cities there are Theosophical libraries open to the public, and bookstores which sell our books.

News of the Society's activities is carried by Radio Portales, the most important and powerful station, which

also simultaneously broadcasts a message with Theosophical teachings.

A specialist in naturism gave public lectures every month last year on the benefits of the vegetarian diet and the use of plants to cure illnesses.

We have now a mimeograph machine, which we plan to use to reproduce bulletins of our activities for distribution to the public.

A youth group meets weekly in Santiago, and it is our hope that these meetings will lead to the organization of a Lodge. Another group called "The Workshop" also meets weekly. Its principal activity is to learn to give public lectures, following the

course on public speaking by Roy Mitchell from Canada. This group also prepares the monthly programmes and coordinates the various activities of the Society. We are thus able to perform our Theosophical work in the best manner possible.

The Annual Convention held in Santiago in June was well attended, and all members of the Board were re-elected. The Board held eight meetings during the year.

There are presently five Lodges in Chile, but we have every hope of adding another Lodge in Santiago very soon.

MAURICIO FROMOVICH S.,  
*General Secretary.*

## BRAZIL

The Theosophical Society in Brazil was in its 60th year during the period of this report, its work being characterised by a systematic development of activities in the various fields of action.

There was an increase of 51 in membership, with a total of 943 in 39 Lodges and two Study Centres. We added one more Lodge during the year.

The first Summer School was held in January, with members coming from various Brazilian States and also from Argentina. The work was coordinated by Juan Vinas, the President of the Inter-American Theosophical Federation.

The third Seminar on Science and Theosophy Studies was held in July in Sao Paulo at the "Raja Centre" with a very active youth work.

The Theosophical Order of Service

registered an appreciable increase in its activities. After discussions during a Council meeting in July 1980, when the new Statutes were approved, it was decided to separate the T.O.S. from the Theosophical Society.

The first Portuguese edition of *The Secret Doctrine* was published during the year, and translation of *Isis Unveiled* was started.

Our quarterly publication "The Theosophist" registered an increase in circulation, with a current circulation of 1,200 copies.

We are grateful to our brother members who in every manner contributed to the development of the Theosophical Society in Brazil.

MURILLO NUNES DE AZEVEDO,  
*General Secretary.*

## ICELAND

The activities of the Theosophical Society in Iceland followed the pattern of the earlier years in imparting the age-old wisdom to members as well as non-members.

Three study-courses were held with 18 talks during the year. The course leaders were Sigvaldi Hjalmarrson, Einar Aolsteinsson and Sverrir Bjarnason. The weekly meditation also was conducted regularly.

There were 26 lectures given by members as well as non-members, and they were well attended.

Our magazine *Gangleri*, published once a year, is the most important gift of the

Society to Iceland. Its 1,600 subscribers are between 20 and 70 years of age. Our quarterly Newsletter, *Mundilfar*, published regularly for the last eight years, keeps the members in regular touch with the Society's philosophy and activities.

The Annual Convention held in May re-elected all Committee members. The Annual Summer School was held in June, when Dr. B. R. Mullik gave two talks and led the discussions. His talks were much appreciated. More visitors to this rather isolated land are most welcome.

BIRGIR BJARNASON  
*General Secretary.*

## SPAIN

The Theosophical Society in Spain has been growing fast since it was legalised only two years ago.

Three new Lodges were chartered during the year under review, as against two new Lodges the previous year. There has been a spurt in membership as well—an increase of 105, or 30% over the previous year's total of 350. We now have 455 members in 13 lodges.

In addition to routine Theosophical work such as monthly Lodge meetings and Public Lectures, the principal activities during the year were:

(a) The Annual Convention was held in March. There was a consensus that the following subjects should be taken up for study/discussion: "The relationship between the older and younger generation in the T.S."; "Meditation"; "How to improve members' knowledge of Theosophy"; "The First Object: Brotherhood"; "How the teachings that have been useful to us can be made available to others."

(b) "III Jornadas Ibericas de Teosofia" was held June 5-8, 1980 in Barcelona, which was a combined study-cum-social meeting between the Sections of Portugal and Spain. Guest lecturers were Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale from Adyar and Mr. Sendra from Puerto Rico. They also visited the Tarrasa and Sabadell Lodges, and participated in an excursion to Montserrat, a spiritual centre.

(c) The Theosophical Week was held from September 8 to 11, 1980 in Mallorca, organized by the Palma Lodge. It was attended by members from Portugal, France and Spain. Besides the inner meetings, only for members, there were some Public Lectures which were diffused by the local press.

We are optimistic about the future growth of Theosophical work in Spain during the coming years.

J. M. VENDRELL-BRUCET,  
*General Secretary.*

## PORTUGAL

The general pattern of Theosophical work in Portugal has remained practically the same as in the last report. We maintained the regular activities, including celebration of important Theosophical landmarks, and public lectures at the Headquarters every fortnight.

We had several distinguished visiting lecturers during the year: Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale and Mr. Peter Hoffman from Adyar, Miss Ianthe Hoskins, Mrs. Betsan Coats and Madame Pearson-Laroute. Their visits, lectures and informal talks with members stimulated our enthusiasm.

Some of our members went to Barcelona in June to attend the Iberian Theosophical Week. It was a very successful gathering, and fraternity was the keynote. Many useful contacts were established and friendships made.

The Summer School for Latin Countries at Spa, Belgium, in August attracted some of our members, who also took part in the meetings of the European Council.

Our Annual Convention was held in March, and it was a well-attended successful session. Elections were held at the Convention to choose Committee members for the next three years.

The number of Lodges remained the same at 12, but there was a slight increase in membership during the year—from 323 to 337.

Assuming the responsibility as the General Secretary of the Section, I am eager to do my best to keep it working to the Great Ideals for which the Theosophical Society was founded.

DR. CESINA BERMUDEZ,  
*General Secretary.*

## WALES

The work of the Theosophical Society in Wales continues on the usual pattern with reasonable though not spectacular success. There is no doubt that the Society has influence in the area. The membership has risen slightly, but deaths once again balance the number of new members.

One point of interest is that "The Spirit, Mind and Body Group" in Cardiff, which was largely started by the efforts of the young members of Cardiff Lodge, continues to thrive. This is a unifying

agency within the city and the various groups working therein.

In addition, two members of Cardiff Lodge have broadcast on the local radio station. One of the members is now a permanent member of the broadcasting team, whilst the other has influence in another field of the station's work.

It has, therefore, been an interesting and useful year.

CHARLES JAMES,  
*General Secretary.*

## URUGUAY

I am happy to report on another successful year of Theosophical activities in Uruguay. We have observed during the year a great interest amongst young people in knowing the teachings of Theosophy.

Books studied included several classics like "The Secret Doctrine", "The Key to Theosophy" and works of Annie Besant, Dr. Taimni, Krishnamurti and Clara Codd.

The regular work of the Section continued on the general pattern of earlier years. Ten Lodges were active during the year, with good attendance at weekly meetings of members and visitors. Membership now totals 181, an increase of 32 over the last report. One Lodge was dissolved last December, but several of its members joined other Lodges.

Our Library has been very active, with book collection nearing the 3,000 mark, 2,466 of them in Spanish on Theosophy,

and related subjects. It was enriched during the year with 83 additions—30 purchased and 53 by donations.

The Annual Convention held in August drew a good attendance of delegates from nine Lodges. The Convention voted for a substantial raise in membership dues to cover the budgetary deficit, the current year's deficit being made good by generous donations.

The year also witnessed approval of the Society's new rules by the Government. They were printed and became operative during the year.

In conclusion, I would like to record my sincere thanks to every fellow member for the devotion, loyalty and cooperation extended in the Society's efforts to keep alive the Sacred Fire lit by the Great Ones who inspired our beloved Society.

JUSTO V. DE LA VEGA,  
*General Secretary.*

## SRI LANKA

The highlight of the year was the Centennial Celebrations of Brother Olcott's arrival in Sri Lanka, held in the very area he landed, in the city of Galle. The National President and Treasurer were among the participants. Dr. Jean Raymond, who had promised to attend, passed over on the eve of this event.

The Triennial Convention of the Section was held on 1st December 1979, at Hunupitiya, at the estate of the Chairman of Marifa Lodge. It was a full day of happy brotherhood and a rich spiritual feast of talks and discussions. Lecture topics ranged from "Nirvanic Consciousness" to "Esoteric Aspect of Islamic Living."

A special report by Brother G. J. R. Samarasingha on the Inter-Religious Study Programme for 1976-79 revealed how this valuable project of study camps, workshops and seminars had played no small part in the spiritual unfoldment and growth of most participants at the Triennial Convention. It had also been a unifying point for all Lodges to work together, in addition to their regular separate programmes. Besant Lodge has documented most of the valuable Inter-Religious Study Groups' proceedings. The documentation has proved a valuable record. Special appreciation is due to Brother Fuard Uduman as Chairman of Marifa Lodge for hospitality of his two

estates as venue for study camps, besides being a haven for visiting Theosophists.

A Golden Jubilee Souvenir embodying the history of a century of Theosophical Work in Sri Lanka and other Theosophical literature in Sinhala were published during the year.

Our Library continues to be active. We record with deep appreciation the gifts of urgently needed Theosophical books by Brothers J. Thadhani of Madras

and Rex Henry. Meeting a long-felt need, these books are now circulating among Lodges and upcountry members.

All the eight Lodges in the Section were active with regular Theosophical activities such as public lectures, study classes, seminars, and meditation sessions.

T. R. RUSTOMJEE,  
*National President.*

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## GREECE

The Theosophical Society in Greece continues its regular work on the well-established pattern of meetings, public lectures, study groups and publications.

Two new lodges were formed during the year under review—one in Athens and the other in Volos. We now have five Lodges in Athens, one in Salonica and one in Volos—with a total membership of 295. We thus maintain the slow but steady progress in the Society's work.

Our magazine *Ilissos*, a bi-monthly, has been published for the last 25 years and now has a circulation of 3,600 copies.

The two books published last year, "Voice of the Silence" by Madame H. P. Blavatsky, and "Gods in Exile" by Mr. J. J. Van der Leeuw—as well as our earlier books—have met with good response.

C. MELISSAROPOULOS,  
*General Secretary.*

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## PHILIPPINES

We are glad to report the partial completion of the first floor of our Headquarters building destroyed in a devastating fire earlier. Our good brother Mr. Raymundo Malones supervised the construction and helped hold down the costs, for which the Society is indebted to him. With a little more funds we expect to raise soon, the first floor will be ready for occupation in the next several months.

Another highlight of the year was the visit of Miss Joy Mills last January, who provided fresh inspiration and stimulation to our sagging spirits after the fire. She

gave three public lectures and held a two-day Seminar on "Light on the Path" besides informal talks to members.

The 47th Annual Convention was held in September, with a panoramic presentation of the 47-year history of the Section titled "Prospect and Retrospect". All present had a fruitful and joyous time.

The second day of the Convention was devoted to a workshop on the theme "The Future of the Theosophical Society" with three main groups: "The Theosophical Society as a Vehicle of Peace and Progress in the Community";

"Involvement at Lodge and Individual Member Levels"; and "Revitalization, Inner and Outer".

The Convention adopted the theme "From the Realm of Thought to the World of Action" for Theosophical activities in the coming year. Emphasis was laid on the need to properly orient new members, reactivate the Speakers' Bureau, revitalize the T.O.S., reorganize the Theosophical Youth Movement and prepare a Correspondence Course in Filipino.

The highlight of the year under review was the generosity of Brother Saul Gomez and his wife who have put at our disposal in Bogota a convenient salon (hall) and several adjoining rooms. This will greatly help dissemination of Theosophy in Colombia as well as in the capital city of Bogota. The hall can seat more than a hundred persons, and the adjoining rooms are being used for study classes.

We continue our regular weekly Public Lectures, the principal stimulus for the spiritual awakening of our members and other visitors. These are in addition to Lodge meetings and study groups that examine and discuss many topics, such as self-knowledge, the Divine Plan, Universal Brotherhood, and Unity of Life. Study classes are aimed at fortifying the spiritual life of the participants that

There was a spurt in membership—253 now compared with 216 last year. There are a number of young members in the new admissions who plan to form their own group.

We look forward with high hopes to a much better future for Theosophical work and brotherhood in the Philippines.

CLEO Z. GREGORIO,  
*General Secretary.*

## COLOMBIA

eventually must reflect in all their activities and relationships.

Brother Ballesteros is continuing his onerous work of translating and publishing Theosophical books. He has translated Mr. Geoffrey Hodson's book "The Christ Life from Nativity to Ascension" and published it in two volumes. They are being studied in Bogota in group studies both by our members and sympathisers.

Our magazine "Seleccion Teosofica" continues to be published monthly. We are grateful to the Inter-American Theosophical Federation for their publication "American Theosophist" and also for the brochures edited and published by them for the dissemination of Theosophical ideas.

GABRIEL BURGOS,  
*General Secretary.*

## EAST AND CENTRAL AFRICA

The year under review was productive in exposing large numbers of indigenous people to the philosophy of Theosophy, many of whom have joined as members.

Although some Lodge reports are still to come, the number of members increased to 1,326 as against 1,284 last year.

The National Lecturer of the Section,

Mr. Reuben Thuku, travelled widely covering almost all the Lodges in Zambia, Tanzania and Kenya, and his dedicated exposition of the principles of Theosophy before large groups has been very worthwhile in reaching out to many non-members. Due to the generosity of the Nairobi Lodge, the Section has been able to allot him a flat in the new building in Nairobi Lodge Compound.

Although the National Headquarters are in Dar-es-Salaam, three Assistant General Secretaries have been appointed, one each for Tanzania, Kenya and Zambia regions for smooth and efficient management. While the Executive Committee of the Section is in Dar-es-Salaam, the Kenya and Zambia regions have their own Advisory Committees to assist the Assistant General Secretaries who have been given wider powers in financial and administrative matters. This would facilitate the formation of three separate Sections under one Federation in future, if necessary, as the policies of the three countries differ in several respects.

The 30th Annual Convention in April at Dar-es-Salaam was well attended. The Chief Guests Mr. Rohit Mehta and his wife Mrs. Sridevi Mehta later toured all the lodges in Tanzania, Kenya and Zambia. Mr. Mehta also conducted study-classes on "Yoga and Meditation" in many Lodges in all three countries.

As the delegates from Kenya could not attend the 30th Annual Convention due to last-minute cancellation of the Chartered Flights of Air Uganda, the first-ever Regional Conference was held at Kitale, Kenya, with delegates from nearly all Lodges in Kenya attending. Mr. and Mrs. Rohit Mehta were the Chief Guests at this regional conference as well.

The Section is keenly desirous of hosting the Seventh Theosophical World Congress

in Nairobi in November 1982. This will provide a splendid opportunity to expose the Sons of the Soil to the beaconlight of Theosophy. As Africa is a growing Continent, it is the foremost duty of all of us to take Theosophy to this part of the world in a big way.

All the principal days in the Theosophical Calendar were celebrated as usual by many lodges, which also conducted study-classes.

Sale of books has been very encouraging both at Nairobi and Dar-es-salaam. The thirst for theosophical books in this part of the world will be full tapped during the coming year.

*Allied Activities.*—(a) The Theosophical Order of Service is active in many lodges in our three countries.

(b) Bharat Samaj Puja Vidhan is carried out regularly every Sunday at Dar-es-salaam and occasionally at Nairobi and other places.

(c) Healing Group is active in Dar-es-salaam meetings on the last Monday of every month.

(d) Group Meditation is regularly conducted at Nairobi Lodge and occasionally at Dar-es-salaam and other Lodges.

(e) Yogic Asana classes are regularly conducted by Mr. R. H. Patel every Thursday at the Nairobi Lodge.

(f) Ayurvedic medicines are prescribed by Mr. R. H. Patel in Nairobi and he also gives free medicines to the poor and needy patients.

(g) Eight members from our Section attended the 104th International Convention at Adyar.

*Obituary.*—We pray for Eternal Peace to the Departed Souls of the following members who passed away during the year: Mr. Babubhai Vadgama, Chairman of Dodoma Lodge; Mr. Ramesh D. Acharya, Dar-es-salaam; Mr. G. K. Somji, Dar-es-salaam; Mr. Alibhai Bhatia,

Dar-es-salaam; Mr. Papatlal H. Gohil, Nairobi.

Last but not the least, we pledge our loyalty to the Great Ones and full support

and cooperation to the new International President in the cause of Theosophy.

H. D. SHAH,  
General Secretary.

## NORTHERN IRELAND

Theosophical activities in Northern Ireland during the year were on much the same pattern of earlier years.

As usual we had a very interesting programme of public lectures and discussions. All our meetings were extremely well attended. Lecture topics ranged from "Saints and Sinners", "The Eternal Now", and "Sufism" to "Death: the Great Adventure" and "Can Truth be Simplified".

Our 32nd Annual Convention was held in May, at which the Regional Secretary delivered the public address, titled "The Secret of Life and Death." At the business meeting of the Convention, the existing officers were re-elected en bloc for a further term.

Lodge meetings were held regularly, with increased attendance. The group pursued a number of study-discussions on "The Inner Life", "The Bhagavad Gita", "Vivekachoodamani", "Light on the Path", "The Elixir of Life" and "The Mahatma Letters".

During the year our premises were broken into a number of times, but fortunately little damage was done, and our Library remains intact.

Despite the wave of Tamasic destruction predominant in the city, Theosophy is kept very much alive by our band of dedicated members.

TONY RODRIGUEZ,  
Regional Secretary.

## CANADIAN FEDERATION

Highlight of the year under report is the registration of VIA Publications as a new publishing company. It will provide a much-needed service by publishing in several languages reasonably-priced, quality books on Theosophy. Printing will be done at Vasanta Press, Adyar. The first edition to appear is a French translation of "Thoughts for Aspirants" by N. Sri Ram. Other volumes will follow soon.

In addition to routine activities, we recently began a monthly meditation throughout the Federation with a view to strengthening helpful forces in the world.

Lodges as well as one Study Group has been active during the year. Weekly or fortnightly meetings have been held of members, with additional public meetings for participation by non-members as well. Various subjects are being studied. Several new students are becoming interested in our work, and are joining the Society.

The year witnessed some major administrative changes in our Federation. The new Executive took office on 1st July 1980.

MRS. H. B. JACKSON,  
Co-ordinator.

## EUROPEAN FEDERATION

The General Secretaries of the various Sections of the European Federation have reported separately on their varied activities; also on some of the problems which beset most of us when we take part in a movement such as ours. We are all happy that there are so many devoted members to carry on the work of disseminating the Ageless Wisdom, sometimes in very difficult circumstances. We congratulate them on their successes and remind them that seeming failure does not mean that the effort was wasted, for no honest work can fail to have its due result in time. Problems and difficulties are the tests which we must meet and learn to resolve if we are to grow in strength, and understanding.

I have visited Sections and Lodges in several countries—Austria, Belgium, France, Holland, Scotland, Switzerland

and Wales. These were all, for me, very happy occasions and I hope were instrumental in drawing together members from all these different countries.

As this is my last report, I should especially like to send a message to all those members whose names rarely appear in reports or on programmes, but whose loyal support is the basis of the work of the Theosophical Society. Each member has a contribution to make—intellectually, emotionally, artistically or actively.

To the new Chairman and Committee I wish every possible success and happiness in the work they have undertaken and hope that their period of office will be to them, as the last nine years have been to me, a time of rich experience and great joy.

MADELEINE LESLIE-SMITH,  
*Chairman.*

## LODGES ATTACHED DIRECT TO ADYAR

## PERU

Theosophical work in the capital city of Lima, Peru, got back on the rails during the year after several months of passivity due to the serious illness of the President and accidents to two other active members.

This year the H.P.B. 'A' Lodge began to work regularly with 18 active members. The principal activity is the organisation of a School of Theosophical Studies and Personal Preparation, which will continue this year also.

Following the continued illness of the

President, Sr. Cesar Negreiros, Sister Angela Gades was elected as President during the latter part of the year.

Ten meetings were held on special dates and a special meeting to honour Sister Radha Burnier on her election as International President.

The Lodge is now housed in a good location, and it functions on Fridays from 6 to 8 p.m.

JUDITH LOPEZ SOLORZANO,  
*Secretary.*

*Covenant Lodge, Tel Aviv:*

Our fortnightly meetings continued with interesting lectures and discussions, while some were devoted to music and meditation.

Although several young members are attending our meetings, their regular attendance is interrupted by their work in the Army and attendance at University courses.

We have published the Hebrew translation of "The Key to Theosophy", while two books by Ernest Wood also have been translated and will be printed soon.

Our library is very active, and is open almost every day. It caters to readers from all over Israel, and has books in nine languages including Russian. Many persons regularly use our library, even though they don't feel the necessity to become members.

We now have 31 members.

BERTHE DOMINIC,  
*President.*

*Harmony Lodge, Tel Aviv:*

Lodge meetings are held twice a month regularly, and are attended by members as well as many non-members.

Our library attracts readers from nearby cooperative settlements and caters to members as well as others interested in Theosophy.

The Lodge President, Mr. Hans Zeuger, delivered two lectures on astrology and astronomy and introduced the ideas of Karma and Reincarnation on such occasions. He was once invited to reply at a talk by a sworn anti-astrologist.

Visitors from abroad included Sister Marianne Schnitzer from England and Sister Heleen Raven from Holland whom we entertained very gladly.

With two resignations and one admission, our membership now is 13.

HANS ZEUGER,  
*President.*

## SINGAPORE

The Singapore Lodge had another year of useful Theosophical programmes, including a dozen Public Lectures and additional tape talks and discussions in the other weeks.

Our Library is showing increasing activity, with more members using it and more borrowers. Substantial donation of his books to the Library by Brother Ambrose has resulted in the need for additional space.

The Lodge took part in the Singapore Book Fair at the World Trade Centre in August to "surface" theosophically. The many visitors to the stall of the Lodge gave the impression of a widespread spiritual quest, and a number of applications for membership followed. Members volunteered to manage the stall at the

Book Fair, and this encouraging experience gives hope of similar participation in the 1981 Book Fair.

We now have 49 full members and 33 Associate Members. Our financial position has improved considerably with generous donations from several members. Nine Committee meetings were held during the year.

A further development initiated by the Committee during the year is the Theosophical bookshop to be known as the Wisdom Book Shop. It is planned to develop the Book Shop into an important source of books of the Ancient Wisdom and Spiritualism in Singapore.

TAN SIOW HEE,  
*Hon. Secretary.*

## JAPAN

*Nippon Lodge, Tokyo:*

During the year we held regular meetings every second Sunday and third Saturday. Besides these we have an Agni Yoga study group which meets twice a month.

We are studying various articles by H.P.B. and W.Q. Judge at our Saturday meetings. At the Sunday meetings I am explaining various Theosophical teachings and also Agni Yoga.

We held a highly successful Biennial Conference early May, with about 200 participants. There were lectures, workshops and slide shows. The theme was "Vision of the New Age". Workshops dealt with education, healing, business life, art, and religion. Members of each workshop earnestly discussed these topics from the standpoint of the new age.

*Translation.*—In the monthly magazine we publish, I have been making a serial translation of "When Daylight Comes" by Howard Murphet. It will be completed soon. After this, I am planning to translate "Idyll of the White Lotus".

by Mabel Collins. I am also translating "Science of Meditation" by Mr. Rohit Mehta.

*Publications.*—Under a grant from the Non-English Publications Fund, we published a thousand copies of "Astral Plane" by C. W. Leadbeater, which was very helpful to our activity. Nearly 700 copies have been sold so far. We are now planning to publish "When Daylight Comes" and "The Key to Theosophy".

This year quite a few foreign brothers have called on us in Tokyo, the last being the Director of T.O.S. Australia Mrs. Lorraine Moseley from Sydney with her friend.

All members of the Society passed through a very sad period during the year consequent to the demise of our beloved elder brother Mr. John Coats and our sister Mrs. Jean Raymond. May their souls rest in peace, and watch over our work in cooperation with our new President Mrs. Radha Burnier.

EMIKO TANAKA,  
*President.*

## EGYPT

*Al-Hikmat Al-Kadima Lodge, Cairo:*

It is my pleasure to be able to report for the first time.

The Lodge was founded in Cairo in 1918. The first President was Mr. J. H. Piaez, the second was Mr. Zaki Awad and the present President is Mr. El-Sayed Abd al-al Mohamed.

The membership stands at 18. The library has a collection of about a thousand Theosophical books in English and French. It also has Arabic translations

of the following books: *At the Feet of the Master*, *Reincarnation-Fact or Fallacy*, etc. Meetings of the Lodge are held every Tuesday and commence with meditation.

May the Divine Masters assist us to keep our Lodge open in order to serve humanity and express the Ancient Wisdom.

AZIZ ISKANDER,  
*Secretary.*

## CAMEROON

*Fako Lodge*

The Lodge is situated on the slope of the Fako Mountain. It has a membership of 17. During the year three meetings were held. Permission to hold public

meetings is being awaited from the authorities.

CLETUS ST. NDIFOR,  
*Secretary.*

## BANGLADESH

*Comilla Lodge*

The Comilla Lodge established in 1889 is one of the oldest Theosophical Lodges. During the year under report there were altogether 51 meetings of the Lodge. Talks, discussions and readings from Theosophical publications form an important

part of the Lodge's programme. Important festivals of all religions and events of Theosophical importance were celebrated.

RASH MOHAN CHAKRAVORTY,  
*President.*



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## THE THEOSOPHICAL PUBLISHING HOUSE

The Theosophical Publishing House had the highest sales in its history in 1979-80, totalling nearly seven and a half lakhs of rupees. More London, Wheaton and other Theosophical publications were available owing to larger imports of such books.

New publications were *The Story of Human Evolution* by Geoffrey A. Barborka, a study of the Anthropogenesis verses of *The Stanzas of Dzyan; Masters and Men* by Virginia Hanson, a narration of the story of the Mahatma Letters to A. P. Sinnett; and the fourth volume of Mr. Geoffrey Hodson's series of studies of the *Hidden Wisdom in the Holy Bible*. Reprints included *Esoteric Writings* of Swami T. Subba Row and

The K.H. Letters to C. W. Leadbeater.

Two books in Danish were reprinted by offset for Teosofisk Samfund I Denmark. This facility for reprinting of books in non-English languages at Adyar is becoming better known among the Sections.

Sales promotion received increased attention during the year, and a Sales Promotion Officer was appointed. Efforts are being made to place Theosophical publications for sale in a larger number of bookshops in India, with a view to carry the message of Theosophy to a wider public.

Changes have been made in *The Theosophist* to increase its appeal to the readership, which also have the effect of reducing the cost of production.

C. SESHADRI,  
Manager.

## ADYAR LIBRARY AND RESEARCH CENTRE

The year 1979-80 has been eventful in many ways. Mrs. Radha Burnier who has been associated with the Library since 1954, was elected President of the Theosophical Society in July 1980. Among the International Presidents of the Society intimately associated with the Adyar Library, Mrs. Burnier is the third, the other two being Col. Olcott and Mr. Jinarajadasa. On assuming the new office, Mrs. Burnier relinquished the Directorship of the Library. Dr. K. Kunjunni Raja, who has been closely associated for long with the Library as an Adviser and member of the Editorial Board of the *Adyar Library Bulletin*, was appointed as Honorary Director. Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan, who had been the Librarian for the past 22 years, took charge as Director, International Centre of Theosophical Studies and Research. Dr. Pran Nath succeeded her as the Honorary Librarian.

**PUBLICATIONS:**

During the year *Vishnusahasranama* text and Samkaracharya's commentary along with the translation by Anantakrishna Sastri, revised by Dr. A. G. Krishna Warriar and Prof. A. A. Ramanathan, and a reprint of *Vedantasara* of Sri Ramanujacharya, edited by Pandit V. Krishnamachari and translated by M. B. Narasimha Iyengar, were released.

*The Adyar Library Bulletin*, Vol. 43, was released during the year. The Bulletin has now 100 exchanges and 149 subscribers.

### SERVICES RENDERED:

During the year under review microfilms of 7 palm leaf manuscripts, 11 paper manuscripts and 14 books were supplied to various institutions and research scholars. Photostat copies of 16 palm leaf manuscripts, 5 transcripts and 13 books for scholars and institutions and of 3 documents for the Adyar Library

were prepared.

**Usage of books**—The Library has 690 readers, 56 resident borrowers, 115 borrowers from the city and 21 Braille borrowers. During the year 1,055 manuscripts and 35,409 books including journals were consorted in the Library Reading Rooms; 5,416 books and 8 manuscripts were loaned out.

**Research Scholars**.—Besides scholars from the Universities and Indological institutions in India, several others from overseas utilized the Library's facilities for their research.

### REPAIRS AND PRESERVATION:

811 books, 195 pamphlets, 6 transcripts and 14 Journals were bound while 17 books were repaired and 188 were given paper covers.

35 books (8,550 pp.) and one volume of *New India* newspaper were laminated, while 25 manuscripts were cleaned and repaired.

### ACQUISITIONS:

**Books**.—1,909 books were added to the collection during the year under review; of these 129 were purchased, 58 were exchanged, 85 were review books and 1,637 were gifts.

**Manuscripts**.—Only one transcript was received as a donation from Mr. R. Venkataratnam.

**Cataloguing Section**.—1,071 books on various subjects in Indian and foreign languages were catalogued.

### DONATIONS:

The Library expresses its deep debt of gratitude to all the donors for their generous donations.

### VISITORS:

The Library had the pleasure of welcoming several V. I. P. s from India and abroad.

DR. PRAN NATH,  
Librarian.

## THE THEOSOPHICAL ISLAMIC ASSOCIATION

We had another year of useful activities—lectures on Islam in the light of Theosophy and allied subjects, and joint celebration of several religious festivals by our Ajmer Branch.

The Association is an allied activity of the Theosophical Society and is a registered body with the object of studying Islam and Islamic mysticism (Sufism) in the light of Theosophy. Its membership is open to all.

Lecturers at our meetings in the Headquarters Hall of the Theosophical Society at Adyar included Dr. B. R. Mullik, Smt. Rukmini Devi, Yogi S. Venkataraman, Mr. S. M. Azmathullah, Mr. Malick Sharfuddin and Prof. H. E. Hakim, our President. Mr. H. Shakeel gave a demonstration of advanced Yoga Asanas.

Prof. Hakim also spoke on "Theosophy and Islam" at the Karnataka Theosophical Federation's annual conference in April 1980. He delivered five talks on "Wisdom of the Sufis" at the International Centre of Theosophical Studies, Adyar. He also participated in the Adyar Lodge Integrated Course in Comparative Religion and presented the Islamic point of view on various topics. His article on "Sufis of the World, Unite", was published in the Souvenir of the Ajmer Branch of the Association.

*Ajmer Branch.*—The Ajmer Branch was quite active during the year. In collaboration with the Ajmer Lodge of the Theosophical Society, Sufi International and the Christ Society of India, the Ajmer Branch celebrated several Islamic, Hindu, Sikh and Christian festivals in which members of all communities participated. On these occasions Qawwalies and devotional songs were sung by artistes. We are thankful to Sahibzada S. M. Yunus Maharaj, President of the Ajmer Branch, Mr. Merani of Sufi International, and Mr. Kaul, president of the T.S. Lodge, Ajmer, for their enthusiasm and keen interest.

Mr. Ashraf Nizami, author of the book "Namaz—the Yoga of Islam", has joined the Association as a Life Member.

We hope that Lodges and Sections of the Theosophical Society will come forward to help us in presenting Theosophy to Muslims and by encouraging the study of Islam and Sufism in the light of Theosophy among the members. We look forward to expanding our work with the help of the new President of the Theosophical Society, Mrs. Radha Burnier, who is also the Patron of our Association.

F. M. G. SAYEED,  
Secretary.

# INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

*Adyar:* 'A Scheme for Research' on ecological ethics, technological ethics and socio-economic ethics was approved and published in *The Theosophist* issues of May, July and August 1980 along with a questionnaire and relevant literature on the subject. Members who wish to co-operate in the research have been requested to answer the questionnaire. We have also contacted eminent scientists specialising in this area of research, requesting their cooperation.

*The Theosophist* has published the series on 'Quest in Theosophy/Science' to include articles on 'Ecology of the Human Organism', 'Solar Activity', 'A Brief Guide for Theosophists to the Foundations of Modern Physics' and 'The Importance of Memory'.

Science and Human Values is being followed up as an important activity of the Committee for which we are trying to find a journalistic base.

Thirty-six new scientifically qualified members have been registered besides the 253 in the October 1979 list.

Lectures on topics of scientific and theosophical interest are being continued at the International Centre of Theosophical Studies and Research by Dr. A. Kannan. Such lectures were also given by Prof. Peter Meyer Dohm, Dr. C. Ton Phan and three professors from I. I. T., Madras.

*India:* A separate report on the work of the Theosophy Science Study Group, India, is regularly published in the *Bulletin* of the Group in December each year. The *Bulletin's* 1979-80 issue carries several original articles, and also has emphasized the theme of ecological, technological

and socio-economic ethics towards development consciousness.

*Theoscientist*, the journal of the Theosophy-Science Research Association, Cuttack, Orissa, was published four times during the year under the editorship of Dr. R. C. Rath. It carries interesting articles on Theosophy, science, philosophy, astrology and allied topics.

*Australia:* *Theosophy in Australia* has published 'Albert Einstein—Universal Man' by Hugh Murdoch (Dec. 1979) which has been republished in *Theosophy-Science* with expanded references. In his article on 'Mind, Brain and Bioelectric Fields—The Etheric Nexus' (June 1980) Richard Silberstein has shown that human behavioural patterns certainly have a genetic or instinctual component and also a very strong environmental component. However, a distinctive feature of humans is that mind can also play an increasingly important role in determining behaviour. The communication medium between mind and brain involves the manipulation of bioelectric fields and may constitute part of the whole of the etheric body.

*Brazil:* The third issue of *Logos* edited by Marina V. L. Cesar contains articles on solar activity, brain and consciousness, etc. The members are interested in holding seminars on scientific topics usually during their summer meets.

*Cuba:* The National Convention held in January 1979 was on the theme of SCIENCE dealing with the various aspects of the subject in the light of the Secret Doctrine, etc.

*England:* The Theosophical Research Centre based in London continued its

usual limited activities during the year. A successful weekend conference was held in May 1980 at Tekels Park, Camberley on the theme 'Transcending Philosophy—The Way to Reality'. Talks were given by Arthur Ellison, John Gordon, David Best, Lester Smith, Hugh Shearman and Corona Trew. The journal, *Theosophy/Science* continues to appear quarterly, and includes papers based on these talks. Among items was a report on four highly significant conferences in England arranged by non-theosophical bodies.

The Science Group meets about six times a year and has attracted new members. The Mental Development Group has held several well-attended Workshops with practical demonstrations and audience participation. It has published a small book by Gregory Mitchell, 'Developing the Mind with Biofeedback'. It gives detailed instructions for the use of bilateral psychogalvanometer to monitor and coordinate the activity of the two brain hemispheres.

*Theosophy-Science* (4th quarter 1979) has the article, 'Occult Chemistry and the "String Model" of Elementary Particle Physics' by Stephen M. Phillips. A book under the title, 'Extrasensory perception of Quarks' has been published by TPH, Wheaton, which is a completely rewritten and extensively revised version of this subject with the addition of a number of diagrams. In addition, Dr. E. Lester Smith's simplified account has been published in the November 1980 'Science and Ancient Tradition' issue of the *American Theosophist*. 'Vindication of Occult Chemistry' by E. Lester Smith is also accepted for publication as a Quest Book.

The Theosophical World Trust for Education and Research, London, meets once a year and surveys among other

matters the work done under Theosophy-Science.

*New Zealand:* A number of interesting news items and some articles on science, parapsychology and other borderline science topics are regularly published in *Theosophy in New Zealand*. Alfred Kastler's abridged statement published Sept. 1979) before the UNESCO Roundtable contains a graphic picture of the prevalence of world malnutrition especially among children, the unnecessary cruelty inflicted on battery-bred animals and the demand for the recognition of the rights of animals. The report of the N.Z. Section for the year ending 30.10.79 gives prominence to the coming together of modern scientific thought and Ageless wisdom.

*Scotland:* Thomas Johnston reports on the work of the research group to further the work of Madame Blavatsky. In trying to follow the Third Object of the Theosophical Society, a series of separate but interlinked subjects were listed.

On *Radiesthesia* a simple test was developed involving a pendulum and various targets and a large number of random subjects were tested with a view to evolve a formula with which to explain and manipulate such powers. The test was not entirely successful.

*The Aura*—Hundreds of Kirlian Corona prints have been studied as to their association with the spiritual, mental and psychic states of man. We are at present engaged in developing a continuously displayed output of such an effect with a view to overcoming the basic limitations of standard Kirlian equipment. The Scottish Section is also organizing a travelling exhibition on Kirlian photography.

The investigation into *Astral Projection* took the form of two questionnaires and

interviews in an attempt to compile personal experiences of this phenomenon. This is of course an ongoing project which hopefully will produce sufficient data for future study.

The *Biofeedback as Applied to Meditation* experiments were carried out using alphaphone and a Galvanic Response Monitor, both of which produced fascinating results. In particular, the GRM is extremely useful as a tool in the early stages of meditation.

**U.S.A.:** The Theosophical Research Institute has about a hundred members who receive three newsletters a year. Dr. Ralph Hannon is the chairman of this institute. Two science seminars were held—one on 'The Holographic Model of the Universe' with Dr. Ravi Ravindra, a physicist, Marilyn Ferguson, editor of *Brain/Mind Bulletin*, and Dr. Renee Weber. The second seminar, by Dr. Fritjof Capra and Dr. Weber, was on 'Space, Time and Consciousness'. Tapes of these seminars are available. This year our efforts have been concentrated on getting Dr. Phillips' book, *The ESP of Quarks* published with a foreword by Dr. E. Lester Smith.

Every year Dr. Dolores Kreiger and Mrs. Dora Kunz hold workshops for only medical personnel at our two different camps which are very well attended.

The *TRI Newsletter*, Nos. 3 to 5 has been issued during the year and contains valuable information on 'The Holographic Model of the Universe', 'Prigogine's Science of Becoming', 'Physicists Close in on a Theory of Matter', 'Psychology Finds Therapeutic Insights in Eastern Traditions', 'Scientist Offers "Flip Theory" of Our Topsy-Turvy World', 'Cardiologist Surveys Near-Death Experiences', 'Successful Aging Linked to Activities Beyond Family' etc.

The *American Theosophist* has the special issue on 'Approaches to Holistic Principles' in November 1979—with articles of scientific interest on 'Photographs or Holograms' and 'Rediscovering Basic Wholeness'. This theme is continued in other issues in 'A Holistic Meeting of Transpersonal Psychology and Theosophy: Chakras, Needs and Moral Development', 'The Holographic Model', 'Interview with Marilyn Ferguson' and 'Science News'.

*Parents, Bulletin* has been published in Nos. 1 to 3 for 1980 by Parents' Theosophical Research Group.

*TOS Eco-Letter* has been published in Nos. 21 to 23 and contains articles and news on ecology and nature conservation.

A. KANNAN,  
Secretary.

## INTERNATIONAL CENTRE OF THEOSOPHICAL STUDIES AND RESEARCH

The Centre of Studies had another useful year presenting Theosophical principles and its application in understanding other fields of approach.

Average attendance in the first term, Oct.-Dec. 1979, ranged from 25-30, and the second term, Jan.-April 1980, between 35-40.

While the year was on the whole a useful period of study, it is felt that a limited number of scholarships will attract additional genuine students as well as benefit workers in other Lodges, Federations and Sections. It is therefore suggested that the Centre should build up funds for some scholarships—as a certain amount of financial help will encourage more workers and other students to come to Adyar and attend the courses.

The October term began with both Miss Joy Mills and Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan as Co-Directors. The latter took over as Director when Miss Mills left Adyar in January 1980 to become Director of the Krotana School of Theosophy in the United States.

The Oct.-Dec. 1979 term was inaugurated by Mr. John B. S. Coats. Besides India, students came from the U.S., Kenya (East Africa), England, Australia, New Zealand and some of the European countries.

The programme consisted of two seminars by Miss Mills on "The Human Journey" and "The Deeper Aspects of Life"; Mrs. Neelakantan on "Yoga of Death" based on Kathopanishad; a week's study talks by Dr. Kannan on "Theosophy-Science Inter-face"; and Dr. Mullik on "A Comparative Study of Hindu Yoga, Zen Buddhism and J. Krishnamurti." Guest Lecturer Mr. Gavin Laurie of New Zealand presented a two-week seminar on the "Esoteric

Wisdom in Religion and Mythology." Another highlight of the first term was a Mahayana Buddhist Course presented by Prof. S. Rinpoche, Principal of the Central Institute of Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath. It was highly appreciated and proved very useful in providing a deeper understanding of Buddhist thought.

The January-April 1980 term opened with a day's seminar on Healing by Mrs. Dora Kunz, National President, T.S. in America, with an attendance of nearly 100. As Dr. C. T. Phan, Secretary of the Canadian Regional Association, could not come in January, Mrs. Seetha Neelakantan conducted a week-long seminar on "Sound and Its Relatedness to Consciousness" (with demonstrations during the meditation hour). Mrs. Burnier's discussion on the "Unfoldment of Consciousness" in the afternoons during the week greatly helped the students to understand the theme. Dr. Phan who came in April gave an illustrated seminar on "Theosophy-Science".

The Centre also arranged a two-day Retreat in January on "Vivekachudamani" under the inspiring direction of Swami Ranganathananda of the Ramakrishna Mission, with 75 registrations.

During July-Aug. 1980, as an experimental measure, programmes were arranged in the afternoons from 3.30-5 p.m. to enable some of the workers on the estate also to attend some of them. It was a varied programme consisting of study, discussion, practical workshop and lectures. Topics included "Approaches to Meditation", "The Philosophy of the Brahma Sutras", "Practical Occultism", "Wisdom of the Sufis", and "Brotherhood: The Inward Journey".

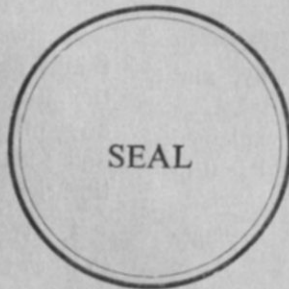
SEETHA NEELAKANTAN,  
Director.

MEMORANDUM  
OF  
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CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

No. 2 of 1905

I hereby certify, pursuant to Act XXI of 1860 of the Governor-General of India in Council entitled "An Act for the Registration of Literary, Scientific and Charitable Societies, 1860," that The Theosophical Society is duly incorporated as a Society under the aforesaid Act.



Station, Madras,  
*Dated 3rd April 1905.*

(Sd) A. PERIYASWAMI MOODALIAR,  
*Registrar of Joint Stock Companies.*

# THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

FOUNDED NOVEMBER 17, 1875, INCORPORATED APRIL 3, 1905.

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*In the matter of Act XXI of 1860 of the Acts of the Viceroy  
and Governor-General of India in Council, being  
an Act for the registration of literary,  
scientific and charitable Societies*

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IN THE MATTER OF THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

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## MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION

1. The name of the Association is The Theosophical Society.

2. The objects for which the Society is established are:

I. To form a nucleus of the Universal Brotherhood of Humanity, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour.

II. To encourage the study of Comparative Religion, Philosophy, and Science.

III. To investigate unexplained laws of Nature and the powers latent in man.

(a) The holding and management of all funds raised for the above objects.

(b) The purchase or acquisition on lease or in exchange or on hire or by

gift or otherwise of any real or personal property, and any rights or privileges necessary or convenient for the purposes of the Society.

(c) The sale, improvement, management and development of all or any part of the property of the Society.

(d) The doing of all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the above objects or any of them, including the founding and maintenance of a library or libraries.

3. The names, addresses and occupations of the persons who are members of, and form the first General Council which is the governing body of the Society, are as follows:

## GENERAL COUNCIL

### *Ex-Officio*

*President-Founder*:—H. S. Olcott, Adyar, Madras, Author.

*Vice-President*:—A. P. Sinnett, London, England, Author.

*Recording Secretary*:—Hon. Sir S. Subramania Aiyar, Madras, Justice of the High Court.

*Treasurer*:—W. A. English, M.D., Adyar, Madras, Retired Physician.

Alexander Fullerton, General Secretary, American Section, 7, West 8th St., New York.

Upendra Nath Basu, B.A., LL.B., General Secretary, Indian Section, Benares, U.P.

Bertram Keightley, M.A., General Secretary, British Section, 28, Albemarle St., London, W.

W. G. John, General Secretary, Australasian Section, 42, Margaret Street, Sydney, N.S.W.

Arvid Knos, General Secretary, Scandinavian Section, Engelbrechtsgatan, 7, Stockholm, Sweden.

C. W. Sanders, General Secretary, New Zealand Section, Queen Street, Auckland, N.Z.

W. B. Fricke, General Secretary, Netherlands Section, 76, Amsteldijk, Amsterdam.

Th. Pascal, M.D., General Secretary, French Section, 59, Avenue de la Bourdonnais, Paris.

Decio Calvari, General Secretary, Italian Section, 380, Corso Umberto I., Rome.

Dr. Rudolf Steiner, General Secretary, German Section, 95, Kaiserallee, Friedenau, Berlin.

Jose M. Masso, Acting General Secretary, Cuban Section, Havana, Cuba.

*Additional*

Annie Besant, Benares, Author, [for 3 years].

G. R. S. Mead, London, Author, [for 3 years].

Khan Bahadur Naoroji Dorabji Khandalvala, Poona, Special Judge, [for 3 years].

Dinshaw Jivaji Edal Behram, Surat, Physician, [for 2 years].

Francesca E. Arundale, Benares, Author, [for 2 years].

Tammacharla Ramachandra Row, Gooty, Retired Sub-Judge, [for 1 year].

Charles Blech, Paris, France, Retired Manufacturer, [for 1 year].

4. Henry Steel Olcott, who with the late Helena Petrovna Blavatsky and others founded The Theosophical Society at New York, United States of America, in the year 1875, shall hold, during his lifetime, the position of President, with the title of "President-Founder," and he shall have, alone, the authority and responsibility and shall exercise the functions provided in the Rules and Regulations for the Executive Committee, meetings of which he may call for consultation and advice as he may desire.

5. The income and property of the Society, whencesoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Society as set forth in this Memorandum of Asso-

ciation, and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus, or otherwise by way of profits to the persons who at any time are or have been members of the Society or to any of them or to any person claiming through any of them: Provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remuneration to any officers or servants of the Society or to any members thereof or other person in return for any services rendered to the Society.

6. No member or members of the General Council shall be answerable for any loss arising in the administration or application of the said trust funds or sums of money or for any damage to or deterioration in the said

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trust premises unless such loss, damage or deterioration shall happen by or through his or their wilful default or neglect.

7. If upon the dissolution of the Society there shall remain after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Society or any of them but shall be given or transferred to some other Society or Association, Institution or Institutions, having objects similar to the objects of this Society, to be determined by the votes of not less than three-fifths of the members of the Society present personally or by proxy, Witnesses to the signatures:

(Sd.) WM. GLENNY KEAGEY ..  
 „ ARTHUR RICHARDSON ..  
 „ PYARE LAL ..  
 „ PEROZE P. MEHERJEE ..

at a meeting called for the purpose, or in default thereof by such Judge or Court of Law as may have jurisdiction in the matter.

8. A copy of the Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is filed with this Memorandum of Association, and the undersigned being seven of the members of the Governing Body of the said Society do hereby certify that such copy of such Rules and Regulations of the said Theosophical Society is correct.

As witness our several and respective hands, this . . . day of March 1905.

{ (Sd.) H. S. OLCOTT  
 „ W. A. ENGLISH  
 „ SUBRAMANIAM  
 „ FRANCESCA E. ARUNDALE  
 „ UPENDRANATH BASU  
 „ ANNIE BESANT  
 „ N. D. KHANDALVALA

# RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION NAMED "THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY," ADYAR, MADRAS

1. The General Council shall be the Governing Body of The Theosophical Society. All members of the General Council shall at all times be Fellows of the Society and not fewer than seven members of this Council shall be resident in India.

2. (a) The President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, the Secretary and the General Secretaries of the component National Societies (otherwise called Sections) shall *ex-officio* be members of the General Council. The terms of those members of the General Council who hold office *ex-officio* shall expire with the vacation of their qualifying office.

(b) The General Council shall include not fewer than 5 and not more than

12 Additional Members, among whom all past Presidents while in good standing shall automatically have place. Other members shall on the nomination of the President be elected for a term of three years by vote of the General Council at its Annual Meeting, their names having been sent to the Members of the General Council at least three months before the Annual Meeting.

(c) Members retiring shall be eligible for re-election.

(d) The Secretary shall be the Secretary of the General Council.

3. It shall be competent for the General Council to remove any of its members, or any officer of the Society excepting the President of The Theosophical Society and excepting the

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General Secretaries of National Societies, by a three-fourths majority of its whole number of members, at a special meeting called for the purpose, of which at least three months' notice shall have been given, the quorum consisting, however, of not fewer than five members.

4. (a) The General Council shall ordinarily meet once a year, at the time of the Annual Meeting or Convention of the Society; but a special meeting may be called at any time by the President, and a meeting shall be called at any time by him, or if not by him, by the Secretary, on the written requisition of not less than one-fourth of the total number of members; but of such special meetings not less than three months' notice shall be given, and the notice shall contain a statement of the special business to be laid before the meeting.

(b) Whenever, at any time or place, a Convention or other function of the Society shall bring together a number of members of the General Council the President at his discretion may call such members to a meeting for the purpose of study and discussion of any matters concerning the Society that he considers appropriate to lay before them. The meeting may then forward to the President its report on such matters and may make recommendations thereon. Such meetings shall be of a consultative nature without administrative or legislative authority, or may be of a legislative nature upon the decision of the General Council taken at least one year in advance.

In the event the President does not himself attend such a meeting he may appoint the Vice-President or some other members of the General Council to preside in his stead.

The President or his Deputy shall give

not less than thirty days' notice of such meeting to all members of the General Council who may be expected to be present at the function that provides occasion for the meeting, but all members of the Council shall have the right to attend.

5. (a) On the request of any member of the General Council any resolution or other item of business proposed by such members shall be placed on the Agenda, and circulated with brief supporting statements, for consideration at the next meeting of the General Council, provided that not less than six months' notice of such resolution or item of business shall be given to the Secretary.

(b) At all meetings of the General Council, members thereof may vote in person, or in writing, or by proxy duly given to another member of the General Council for the particular meeting concerned. Except as aforesaid no member shall exercise more than one vote. No member shall be allowed to exercise more than 5 proxy votes.

*Note:* Meetings include adjourned meetings.

6. The quorum of an ordinary as well as of a special meeting of the General Council shall be five members. If there be no quorum, the meeting may be adjourned *sine die*, or the Chairman of the meeting may adjourn it to another date, of which three months' further notice shall be given, when the business of the meeting shall be disposed of, irrespective of whether there is a quorum present or not.

7. The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, of the Society shall preside at all meetings of The Theosophical Society or of the General Council, and shall have a casting vote in the case of an equal division of the

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members voting on any question before the meeting.

8. In the absence of the President and the Vice-President, the meeting shall elect a chairman from among the members present at the meeting, and he shall have a casting vote in the case of a tie.

9. The term of office of the President shall be seven years from the date of assuming office.

10. The procedure for election to the office of President shall be as follows:

(a) Seven months before the expiration of a President's term of office, or within three days of the office becoming vacant, the Executive Committee shall appoint a special Committee consisting of three members of the Theosophical Society in good standing including the Secretary, but excluding any candidate for the office of President, to carry out the election procedure as hereinunder detailed.

This Committee shall be known as the Election Committee and shall be answerable only to the Executive Committee.

It shall be automatically dissolved to the declaration of the voting result.

(b) Immediately on its appointment, the Election Committee shall instruct the Secretary to send out to the members of the General Council a written call for nominations for the office of President.

The call for nominations shall be sent by airmail or other expeditious means if airmail be unavailable, followed one week later by a second (duplicate) call.

(c) Any member of the Society in good standing, having been a member for at least ten consecutive years immediately preceding his nomination, may be nominated.

Each member of the General Council

who is a General Secretary, Regional Secretary or Organizing Secretary, shall be entitled to make three nominations and shall consult his Governing Body before making nominations.

The President shall be entitled to make three nominations.

The Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and each Additional Member of the General Council who is not a Regional Secretary or Organizing Secretary shall be entitled to make one nomination.

It shall be the responsibility of the nominator to see that his nomination(s) together with the written consent of the nominee(s) reach the Secretary within ten weeks of the date of the call for nominations.

At the expiration of ten weeks, the Election Committee shall place all the nominations received, together with the relevant papers, before the Executive Committee at a meeting especially convened for the purpose.

At such meeting the Executive Committee shall examine the nominations.

The three nominees having the highest number of nominations shall alone be qualified to be on the voting list, but if two (or more) nominees qualify for the last place of the voting list, they shall both (or all) be included in the list.

No nominee shall be included in the voting list unless supported by at least twelve nominations.

The names of the nominees who thus qualify for inclusion shall be listed in alphabetical order.

This list, as finalized by the Executive Committee, shall be the voting list and shall not be subject to challenge.

(e) The Secretary shall then immediately communicate in writing by airmail or other expeditious means (followed one week later by a second and duplicate communication) the voting list together

with biographical data of the candidates in accordance with Appendix A to these Rules, to the General Secretaries, Regional Secretaries, Organizing Secretaries, and Presidential Representatives and to the Lodges (Branches) and Fellows-at-large attached to Headquarters.

Each General Secretary, Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary and Presidential Representative shall make known the names of the candidates and their biographical data to the members in his area and take the votes in accordance with the instructions in Appendix B to these Rules of the individual members on the rolls of his National Society or area of administration who have been members in good standing for two full years as on the date of the call for nominations, and shall communicate the result to the Secretary in accordance with the instructions given in Appendix B to these Rules.

The Election Committee shall take the votes in accordance with the instructions given in Appendix B of these Rules of the members of the Lodges (Branches) and Fellow-at-large attached to Headquarters who have been members in good standing for two full years as on the date of the call for nominations.

The voting results must reach the Secretary within fifteen weeks of the date of issue of the voting list by him.

If only one name remains on the voting list, the vote shall be taken on a "For" or "Against" ballot.

(f) At the expiration of fifteen weeks from the date of issue of the voting list by the Secretary, the voting results shall be totalled by the Election Committee and placed before the Executive Committee.

Within three days of the closing date of voting, the candidate who has received the largest number of votes shall be

declared elected President and shall assume office not later than thirty days thereafter.

In the event of a tie, or of the rejection of a single candidate in a "For" or "Against" ballot, or of a candidate on the voting list dying or being so seriously incapacitated as to be unable to carry out the Presidential duties if elected, after the despatch of the voting list and before the final totalling of votes the nomination and election procedure shall be repeated, commencing within seven days from the notification of the fact to the Secretary, and the President in office or the Vice-President if he is temporarily filling such office, shall continue therein until a new President assumes office.

Note: A member is in good standing if his dues have been paid for the last official year to his Section, Regional Association or Presidential Agency or in the case of Lodges (Branches) attached direct to Adyar and Fellows-at-large to the Secretary or Treasurer concerned.

Appendix A: Biographical Data of Presidential Candidates.

Each candidate shall submit to the Secretary biographical data not exceeding two hundred words.

The following information shall be included: (a) date and place of birth (b) education (c) past and present occupations (d) date of joining the Theosophical Society (e) work done for the Theosophical Society.

Other information may be included but must be factual and shall not contain statements of opinion or policy.

The biographical data for circulation shall be drawn up by the Election Committee on the basis of the information supplied by the candidates, and shall be approved by the Executive Committee (excluding any candidates for election) before being issued.

## Appendix B: Voting Procedure for a Presidential Election.

Note: Where the term "General Secretary" is used, it refers also to Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary, and Presidential Representative. Where the term "Section" is used, it refers also to National Society, Regional Association and Presidential Agency.

(a) The Section shall print the voting papers and biographical data as soon as the names of the nominees are announced.

Where practicable, in the view of the General Secretary, all the papers should be in the language(s) of the area.

It shall be the responsibility of the General Secretary, to ensure that the voting papers together with the biographical data in full are sent to each member.

Other material concerning the candidates shall not be circulated.

(b) The voting paper shall consist of two parts: the voting slip, and the letter form which the member signs and addresses to the General Secretary.

Each member shall be given two envelopes, a small one in which he will place only the voting slip and seal it, and a larger one addressed to the General Secretary, in which he will enclose the small sealed envelope and the letter form signed by him.

(c) As the papers are received, the General Secretary, with the scrutineers appointed by the Executive Committee of the Section (preferably not members of that committee), shall open the larger envelopes addressed to him to ensure the validity of the votes by checking the eligibility of the voter who has signed the letter form.

He shall then put the small sealed envelopes containing the voting slips into a sealed box.

This box shall be opened on the ap-

pointed day by the scrutineers. Voting papers received after this date shall be treated as invalid and shall be destroyed unopened.

The scrutineers shall open the small envelopes and count the votes given to each candidate (or the number of "For" or "Against" votes if there is but one candidate).

(d) The General Secretary shall record the result of the count on Form C which will be supplied from the Secretary's Office at the same time as the list to be voted upon.

He shall place Form C in the small envelope labelled "Voting Result.... Section", seal the envelope and enclose it in the larger envelope addressed to the Secretary.

This must be sent by air-mail or other expeditious means to reach the Secretary within fifteen weeks from the date of issue of the voting list by him.

(e) The small envelope containing the voting results of the Section shall be kept unopened in a sealed box by the Secretary until the close of voting.

It shall then be opened by the Election Committee.

The larger envelope shall be kept separately and shall not be destroyed until after the voting results are announced, and under the authority of the Executive Committee.

(f) If the voting returns have not been received by the Secretary within twelve weeks of the date of issue of the voting list by him, he shall cable the General Secretary concerned, informing him of this fact.

The General Secretary shall immediately send to the Secretary by air-mail or other expeditious means a second (duplicate) voting return in a sealed envelope marked "Duplicate".

Cabled results will not be accepted.

Voting results received after the closing date will be destroyed unopened by the Secretary in the presence of three members of the Executive Committee, nominated by the said Committee, and the particulars of the Section from which the voting results were received and the date on which they were received, shall be recorded in writing, and the Secretary and the three members of the Executive Committee shall affix their signatures thereto.

11. (a) Within three months of assuming office the President shall nominate the Vice-President subject to confirmation by the General Council. His term of office shall be at the discretion of the President but when the Vice-President has been three years in office that office shall become vacant by the passage of time and the President, within three months, shall again make a nomination and submit it to the General Council. Notwithstanding this provision the Vice-President shall remain in office and his term shall continue until a successor has been nominated and confirmed. The Vice-President in office may be renominated. It shall be his duty, among other things, to carry on the executive functions of the President in case the President is dead or where the Executive Committee finds that he is disabled by accident, serious illness or otherwise from performing the duties of the President.

(b) Notwithstanding anything herein contained the Vice-President doing the duties of the President shall continue to be the Vice-President of the Society until a new Vice-President has been nominated and his nomination confirmed by the General Council. In case of death, resignation or disability of such Vice-President doing the duties of the President,

the Executive Committee shall appoint a Vice-President who shall hold office until the new President shall have nominated a new Vice-President and his nomination be confirmed by the General Council.

12. The Secretary and such subordinate officials as are necessary shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by a majority vote of the Executive Committee at its next meeting, the newly appointed officials not being present or voting. The Executive Committee may remove any of these appointees, by a vote of three-fourths of the whole number of its members. In this event, the President shall make a new appointment.

13. The President shall nominate the Treasurer, following consultation with and approval by the Executive Committee and subsequent confirmation by the General Council for a period of three years. In the event of an emergency, the President may appoint an acting Treasurer with the approval of the Executive Committee until such time as the General Council can confirm a new Treasurer in accordance with the procedure laid down above. The Treasurer may be removed from office by the General Council or by a vote of three-fourths of the number of members of the Executive Committee. In such an event, the President shall nominate a new Treasurer, following consultation with and approval by the Executive Committee and subsequent confirmation by the General Council.

14. (a) The General Council shall at each Annual Meeting appoint an Executive Committee for the ensuing year or until its next Annual Meeting, of not less than seven and not more than ten members, of whom at least six shall be members of the General Council. The

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Appointment  
of other  
officials

Removal of  
appointees  
from office

Appointment  
of Executive  
Committee

President, the Vice-President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary shall be *ex-officio* members. Vacancies caused by death or resignation or otherwise may be filled by co-option.

(b) The General Council may delegate to the Executive Committee any of its powers and authority in the management of the business and affairs of the Society except:

1. The power to amend or repeal the Rules;
2. The power to borrow money and incur indebtedness;
3. Such powers as are specifically reserved to the President.

The Executive Committee shall have such powers as are delegated to it by the General Council and as are specified in the Rules. The Executive Committee may recommend to the General Council programmes, policies or activities, but it may not initiate projects requiring major funds not within the current approved budget.

15. The Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every three months for the receipt and consideration of accounts and the despatch of any other business. A special meeting may be called by the President whenever he thinks fit, and such meeting shall be called by him, or if not by him, by the Secretary, when he is required to do so, by not fewer than three members of the Committee, who shall state to him in writing the business for which they wish the meeting to assemble.

16. At a meeting of the Executive Committee, three members shall constitute a quorum.

17. The Committee shall, in the absence of the President and Vice-President, elect a Chairman to preside over the

meeting and in case of equality of votes the Chairman for the time being shall have a casting vote.

18. The President shall be the custodian of all the archives and records of the Society, and shall be the Executive Officer and shall conduct and direct the business of the Society in compliance with its rules; he shall be empowered to make temporary appointments and to fill provisionally all vacancies that occur in the offices of the Society, and shall have discretionary powers in all matters not specifically provided for in these Rules.

19. All subscriptions, donations and other moneys payable to the Association shall be received by the President, or the Treasurer, or the Secretary, the receipt of any of whom in writing shall be sufficient discharge for the same.

20. The securities and uninvested funds of The Society shall be deposited in the State Bank of India, Madras, or such other Bank or Banks as the Executive Committee, T.S., shall select; and in countries outside of India, in such Banks as the President shall select. Cheques drawn against the funds shall be signed by any two of the following, the President, the Treasurer, the Secretary and any other persons appointed by the President for the purpose under Rule 12.

21. (a) Notwithstanding anything in these rules to the contrary the President may, touching the assets and affairs of the Society beyond India, at any time and from time to time by a Power of Attorney appoint any persons to be the

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Receipt of  
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Deposits,  
Signatories

Power of  
attorney

Meetings of  
Executive  
Committee

Quorum of  
Executive  
Committee

Chairman of  
Executive  
Committee

Attorneys of the Society for such period and subject to such conditions and for such purposes and with such authorities and powers as he may think fit, and he may if necessary affix the Seal of the Society thereto.

Without prejudice to the general powers conferred as aforesaid, the President may grant power and authority among others to sell, grant mortgage, lease or otherwise transfer the assets of the Society, movable or immovable, real or personal, and to receive subscription, donations, legacies, moneys and other property, movable or immovable, and to institute, continue, compromise, compound or refer to arbitration any actions, suits, or other proceedings, and to take and hold shares in any Company, and to vote at any meetings thereof, and to sub-delegate all or any of his powers, and to give receipts and releases, and to sign, seal and deliver any instrument or document and have the same registered.

(b) The funds of the Society may be invested by the President, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, in Government or other Public Securities, or in the purchase of immovable property or First Mortgages in such property.

(c) The Adyar Estate of the Society in Madras including the Society's original Headquarters and all other properties in Adyar since acquired by gift, purchase or otherwise, shall not at any time be disposed of by sale, gift, exchange, mortgage or otherwise; save that the President, if specially authorized by a resolution of the General Council, passed by a three-fourths vote of their members, voting in person, in writing or by proxy, may dispose of such outlying portions of the said Adyar Estate, as may be specified in such Resolutions.

(d) The President may, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, sell, mortgage or otherwise transfer any investment in Government or other Public securities, or any movable or immovable property of the Society other than those mentioned in Rule 21(c).

22. (a) All deeds whereby immovable properties belonging to the Society are transferred or otherwise dealt with shall have affixed to them the Seal of the Society with the signature of the President and of the Secretary. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is by reason of disability caused by accident, illness or otherwise, unable to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

(b) All transfers of movable property, if in writing, shall bear the signature of the President and of the Secretary but need not have affixed to them the Seal of the Society. In case of the absence of the President or where the Executive Committee finds that he is by reason of disability caused by accident, illness or otherwise, unable to act, it may appoint two of its members to sign in place of the President.

*Note:* The procedure detailed in this Rule is without prejudice to the powers conferred under Rule 21 (a).

23. The Society may sue and be sued in the name of the President.

24. The Secretary may, with the authority of the President, or of the two substitutes appointed according to Rule 22, affix the Seal of the Society on all instruments requiring to be sealed.

Transfer of  
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Affixing of  
Seal,  
Signatures

Investments

Disposal of  
Adyar Estate

Transfer of  
movable  
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Secretary  
to affix Seal

and all such instruments shall be signed by the President or by the two substitutes above mentioned and the Secretary.

25. On the death or resignation of the President, the Secretary shall at once make arrangements for the election of a new President, in accordance with Rule 10, and until such new President is elected the Vice-President shall perform the duties of President.

#### HEADQUARTERS

26. Headquarters of the Society are established at Adyar, Madras, and are outside the jurisdiction of the Indian Section.

27. The President shall have full power and discretion to permit to any person the use of any portion or premises in the Adyar Estate for occupation and residence, on such terms as the President may lay down, or to refuse permission so to occupy or reside. Any person occupying or residing under the permission granted by the President shall, on a fortnight's notice given by or on behalf of the President, unconditionally quit the premises before the expiry of that period.

#### ORGANIZATION

28. Every person of ten full years of age, without distinction of race, creed, sex, caste or colour, shall be eligible for membership in the Society, but those under the age of eighteen shall be admitted to membership only with the written consent of parent or guardian, and shall have no right to vote until they have reached the age of eighteen years.

29. (a) Admission to membership may be obtained through the President of a Lodge (Branch), the General Secretary of a National Society or, through the Secretary; and a Diploma (Certificate) of membership shall be issued to the Fellow, bearing the signature of the President, and countersigned by the General Secretary, where the applicant resides within the territory of a National Society, or countersigned by the Secretary, if admission to membership has been obtained through the Secretary.

(b) The date of membership will begin:

(i) When admission has been made through the General Secretary, Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary, or Presidential Representative from the date of acceptance by the General Secretary, Regional Secretary, Organizing Secretary or Presidential Representative as entered by him and duly reported to the Secretary at Adyar.

(ii) When admission has been made through the Secretary, from the date of acceptance of the application by him, and so recorded in his office.

(c) Members may not be full members of more than one Lodge (Branch) at a time, but may be accepted as Affiliated or Honorary Members of Lodges (Branches) other than the one in which they are full members. Affiliated or Honorary Members may possess such rights and privileges as are accorded to them by the Lodge (Branch) in which they hold such membership, but they shall not be founder members of new Lodges (Branches), but if a member becomes a founder member of a new Lodge (Branch), he must become a full member of such Lodge (Branch) and shall relinquish full membership in any other Lodge

(Branch). Affiliated or Honorary Members are not to be counted in the international records or vote in international elections other than through the Lodge (Branch) in which they hold full membership.

30. Lodges (Branches) and Fellows, whether unattached or attached to a Lodge (Branch), residing within the territory of a National Society, shall normally belong to that National Society, unless coming under Rule 31.

Provided that with the consent of the General Secretaries concerned a member who belongs to one National Society may while retaining his membership of that National Society belong to another National Society as an Affiliated or Honorary Member, but he shall not cast a vote in matters relating to the Theosophical Society in the National Society in which he is an Affiliated or Honorary Member.

When a National Society under its own rules provides for Life Membership in that National Society, such Life Membership shall no longer be effective where a Member resides in the territory of or transfers his membership to another National Society, unless the specific approval of the General Secretaries concerned has been granted.

31. (a) When an individual Fellow in good standing, for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The

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Theosophical Society, such individual Fellow may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the

General Secretary of the National Society concerned who shall be under obligation duly to forward such application to the President as expeditiously as possible. This shall equally apply in the case of the admission of any new member.

(b) A Fellow of The Theosophical Society in good standing who is desirous of leaving the National Society to which he or she belongs or ought to belong under Rule 30 and of joining another National Society, may be permitted by the President to do so provided such Fellow presents reason sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, and provided further that the application for transfer is submitted with the approval of the General Secretaries of both National Societies concerned.

This rule shall apply equally in the case of the admission of a new member.

(c) When a Lodge (Branch), for any serious and weighty reason, sufficient in the opinion of the President to justify such action, is desirous of leaving the National Society to which it belongs, but is not desirous of leaving The Theosophical Society, such Lodge (Branch) may become directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, severing all connection with the National Society. Such application must be made through the General Secretary of the National Society concerned who shall be under obligation duly to forward such application to the President as expeditiously as possible.

Before any Lodge (Branch) shall have the right to apply to be directly attached to Headquarters, Adyar, it shall have mailed to each of its members individually a notice that such application is about to be considered. Such notice must be mailed not less than two weeks before the meeting at which such consideration is to take place, and voting on the application shall be deferred until two months after

that meeting. If at such first meeting, or any succeeding meeting pursuant thereto, it is decided to bring the application to a vote as herein provided, a full report of the reasons for such action shall at once be sent to the General Secretary of the National Society concerned.

Any application for separation from the National Society to which a Lodge (Branch) belongs shall be ineffective unless two-thirds of the members of the Lodge (Branch) vote in favor thereof.

(d) In the event of any undue delay in the transmission of any application under any of the foregoing provisions of this Rule, a correct copy of such application (duly signed or otherwise authenticated) may be transmitted directly to the President by the fellow or Lodge (Branch) concerned, and the President may act on such copy if in his absolute discretion it appears to him to be fit or proper that he should so act. Any action so taken by the President shall be as valid and effectual, for all purposes, as if it had been taken on the original application submitted for transmission to the President. The Fellow or Lodge (Branch), when forwarding such copy to the President directly, shall state the full grounds and reasons for the direct transmission.

32. Lodges (Branches) or Fellows-at-large, in countries where no National Society exists, must apply for their Charters or Diplomas (Certificates) directly to the Secretary, and may not, without the sanction of the President, belong to National Societies within the territorial limits of which they are not situated or resident.

33. Any seven Fellows may apply to be chartered as a Lodge (Branch). In a country where no National Society

exists the application must be forwarded to the President of the Society through the Secretary.

Three or more members, but less than seven, may apply for certification as an Official Study Centre, but such Official Study Centres shall not be considered as units to be counted in application for the formation of a National Society.

34. The President shall have authority to grant or refuse applications for Charters, which, if issued, must bear his signature and that of the Secretary, and the Seal of the Society, and be recorded at the Headquarters of the Society.

35. (a) A National Society may be formed by the President, upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges (Branches) consisting of at least 70 members of the Society in good standing.

(b) Upon the application of seven or more chartered Lodges (Branches) in areas which are territorially adjacent and in which there are not sufficient Lodges (Branches) for each national group to form a National Society, the President shall have authority at his discretion to issue (and to cancel) a Charter constituting such Lodges (Branches) into a Section. The Charter shall confer the same powers as one issued to a National Society. In all respects the rules applying to National Societies shall apply to any group of Lodges (Branches) holding a Charter under this rule.

(c) The President shall have authority at his discretion to issue (and to cancel) a certificate of Regional Association to any national or territorially adjacent group of Lodges (Branches) not sufficient in

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number or otherwise unable to form or to maintain a National Society, as defined in these Rules, or where in his judgment territorial division or other causes have made such Regional Association necessary or desirable. Any such Regional Association may elect an Organizing Secretary or other executive officer or officers for the purpose of further organization and the transaction of business.

A Regional Association shall not appoint a General Secretary (as the term is used in these Rules) nor be represented on the General Council. In all other respects the Rules applicable to National Societies and to General Secretaries shall apply to Regional Associations and to their chief executives.

(d) The President shall have authority at his discretion to appoint and to withdraw appointments of Presidential Representatives to act under his instructions for the purposes of conducting the business and administration of the Society in any place and in any respect not inconsistent with these Rules. Each such appointment and the power delegated to each such Representative shall be evidenced by a Letter of Appointment referring to this Rule.

36. All Charters of National Societies or Lodges (Branches) and all Diplomas (Certificates) of membership derive their authority from the President, acting as Executive Officer of the General Council of the Society, and may be cancelled by the same authority.

If at any time the number of members in good standing of a National Society falls below seventy and the number of Lodges (Branches) falls below five, the General Council shall then call upon the President to withdraw its Charter.

37. Each Lodge (Branch) and National Society shall have the power to make its own Rules which shall not be incompatible with the Rules of the National Society to which the Lodge (Branch) belongs or with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

All Rules of Lodges (Branches) and National Societies and amendments thereto shall be submitted for approval within thirty days of their adoption as follows: In the case of a Lodge (Branch) belonging to a National Society, all such Rules and amendments shall be submitted to the General Secretary of that National Society; in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) not situated within the territory of a National Society or of a Lodge directly attached to Adyar under Rule 31(c) all such Rules or amendments thereto shall be submitted directly to the President.

All Rules and amendments shall be put into force if approval has not been refused within ninety days of acknowledgement of their receipt.

If by a change made in a Rule of The Theosophical Society, any Rule of a National Society, which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of The Theosophical Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the National Society shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of The Theosophical Society.

If by a change made in a Rule of a National Society, any Rule of a Lodge (Branch) which at its inception was not incompatible with the Rules of the National Society, ceases to be compatible, such a Rule of the Lodge (Branch) shall cease to be valid and shall be amended so as to be in consonance with the Rules of the National Society.

Rules of  
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Authority of  
Charters and  
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Minimum  
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members for  
National  
Society

38. Every National Society shall appoint or otherwise select a **General Secretary** General Secretary, who shall be the channel of official communication between the General Council and the National Society.

39. The **Annual Report** General Secretary of each National Society shall forward to the President, annually, not later than the first day of November, a report of the year's work of his Society, and at any time furnish any further information the President or General Council may desire.

40. National Societies hitherto known as Sections, which have been incorporated under the name of "The . . . Section of The T.S." before the year 1908, may retain that name in their respective countries, in order not to interfere with the incorporation already existing, but shall be included under the name of National Societies, for all purposes in these Rules and Regulations.

#### FINANCE

41. The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall together have the power to fix or vary fees and charges payable to the General Treasury by Lodges (Branches) not comprised within the limits of any National Society: for Charters of such Lodge (Branches); for Diplomas (Certificates) of Membership and for Annual subscription of Fellows of such Lodges (Branches); and in the case of Lodges (Branches) comprised within the jurisdiction of a National Society, Regional Association or Presidential Agency for Charters when printed at or supplied by the Adyar Headquarters. The Secretary should inform the General Council within three months of any

changes in fees and charges. The Annual Subscription of Fellows other than Fellows-at-large or members of Lodges (Branches) attached directly to Adyar shall be the amount prescribed for Annual Subscription by the by-laws or other regulations of the National Society to which such Fellows are attached, or equivalents.

42. Fellows-at-large, resident within the territory of a National Society under the Provision of Rule 31(a) shall pay to the General Treasury as Entrance Fee and as Annual Subscription the amounts prescribed by the by-laws or other regulations of such National Society, but not less than the fee and subscription fixed for a Fellow-at-large not resident within the territory of a National Society.

Fellows-at-large, not resident within the territory of a National Society, shall pay such Entrance Fee, Diploma Fee and Annual Subscription as shall be fixed by the President, Secretary and Treasurer. The Secretary shall inform the General Council of any changes in such fees within three months of their being made.

43. (a) Each National Society shall pay into the General Treasury fifteen per cent of the total amount of fees payable by members to the Section and shall remit the same to the Treasurer at Adyar on or before the first day of March of the current year, and the financial year of the Society shall close on 31st March.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of Rule 41(a) and Rule 42, the President at his discretion may authorize Presidential Representatives to collect dues in territories to which they have been appointed and to remit in accordance with Rule 43 (a).

44. In the event of the cancellation of any Charter under Rule 36, or the dissolution of any National Society or of a Lodge (Branch), the constituent Charter of the National Society or of the Lodge (Branch), granted by the President, shall *ipso facto* become forfeited or lapsed, and all property, real or personal, including Charters, Diplomas (Certificates), Seal, Records and other papers belonging to or in the custody of such National Society or Lodge (Branch) shall vest as follows:

(a) in the Society, in the case of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) not within the territory of a National Society or of a Lodge (Branch) coming under Rule 31 (c) (except where the law of the country where the National Society or Lodge (Branch) is situated prohibits such vesting, in which case the property shall vest as hereinafter provided) and delivery shall be made to the President, or to his nominee on his behalf.

(b) in the National Society in which the Lodge (Branch) is situated, in the case of a Lodge (Branch) within the territory of a National Society, said Lodge (Branch) not coming under Rule 31 (c), and delivery shall be made to the General Secretary of the said National Society.

No National Society or Lodge (Branch) whose Charter shall have become forfeited or lapsed shall continue to use the name, motto, or seal of the Society except for the purpose of vesting in the Society or in the National Society, as the case may be, the real and personal property of such National Society or Lodge (Branch).

Provided, nevertheless, that the President shall have power to revive the Charter of the National Society or the Lodge (Branch), as the case may be, whose Charter shall have become so forfeited or lapsed, and to transfer the said Charter to other Lodges (Branches) being not fewer than seven in number, or to other Fellows being not less than seven in number, as the case may be, or to such other nominees of his as in his judgment shall seem best for the interest of the Society.

In cases under (a) above, where such vesting in the Society is prohibited by the law of the country in which is situated the National Society or the Lodge (Branch) whose Charter has become forfeited or lapsed as aforesaid, the property shall vest in a local Trustee or Trustees appointed by the President.

To effect any transfer of property, to which the Society may become entitled under this Rule, it shall be lawful for the President to appoint an agent or nominee for the purpose of executing any necessary document or documents, or for taking any steps necessary effectually to transfer the said property to the Society.

45. The financial accounts of the Society shall be audited annually by qualified Auditors who shall be appointed by the General Council at each Annual Meeting for the ensuing year.

#### MEETING

46. The Annual General Meeting or Convention of the Society shall be held at such time and in such place as shall be determined by the Executive Committee in June of each year, but such Annual General Meeting or Convention must be held within six months of the close of the

Society's year and may be held outside India not more than once in every three years. National Societies desirous of inviting the Convention and able to make due arrangements for its accommodation, shall send the invitation at least twelve months prior to the Convention with particulars of the arrangements they propose to make.

47. Not more than once in every seven years a World Congress of The Theosophical Society may be held at a place and date to be fixed by the General Council, but so as not to interfere with the Annual Convention.

48. The President shall have the power to convene special meetings of the Society at his discretion.

## REVISION

49. The General Council, of their own motion or on the motion of the Executive Committee and after at least three month's notice has been given to each member of said Council, may, by a three-fourths vote of those members who vote in person, in writing, or by proxy, make, alter or repeal the Rules and Regulations of the Society, in such manner as it may deem expedient.

50. The General Council may frame by-laws not inconsistent with these Rules and Regulations and may add to, alter, or repeal such by-laws, consistently with the said Rules and Regulations, as it may deem expedient.

# DIRECTORY

AT

1 JANUARY 1981

## *Ex-Officio Members of General Council*

**President :** MRS. RADHA BURNIER

**Vice-President:** MR. SURENDRA NARAYAN

**Secretary:** MR. R. GOPALARATNAM

**Treasurer:** MISS TJIOE SIANG NIO

## National Societies, Federations and Presidential Agencies

Date of Formation	Name of Section	General Secretary	Address
1886	United States	... Mrs. Dora Kunz	... P.O. Box 270, Wheaton, Illinois 60187
1888	England	... Miss Marion Caws	... 50, Gloucester Place, London, W1H 3HJ
1891	India	... Mr. A. Suryanarayan Moorti	... The Theosophical Society, Varanasi 221010
1895	Australia	... Mrs. Elaine Murdoch	... 121 Walker Street, North Sydney, N.S.W. 2060
1895	Sweden	... Mr. Gunnar Larson	... Jorgensgatan 6, S-41670 Gothenburg
1896	New Zealand	... Mrs. Mavis Hardy	... 18, Belvedere St., Epsom, Auckland 3
1897	Netherlands, The	... Mr. Arend Heybroek	... 7 Kruisstraat, Utrecht—2502
1899	France	... Mrs. Francoise Caracostea	... 4, Square Rapp, 75007 Paris
1902	Italy	... Sgr. Edoardo Bratina	... 34131 Trieste, Via E. Toti 3, (Post Box 1252)
1902	Germany, West	... Mrs. Gerda Höfer	... Holbeinstrasse 16, D-2800 Bremen 1
1905	Cuba	... Dr. Lelia Fernandez Pagola	... P.O. Box 6365, Havana
1907	Finland	... Miss Sirkka Kivilinna	... Vironkatu 7c2, 00170, Helsinki 17
1909	Southern Africa	... Mrs. A. M. G. Bischoff	... P.O. Box 863, Johannesburg
1910	Scotland	... Mr. James G. Mitchell	... 15 Bingham Crescent, Milltimber, Aberdeen, ABI OHP
1910	Switzerland	... Dr. Mariz Nguyen Huan Chi	... 46b, route de Gy, 1252 Meinier
1911	Belgium	... Mr. Ch. Lallemand	... Avenue J. Bordet, 72 Bte 5, B-1140, Bruxelles
1912	Indonesia	... Mr. R. S. Soejatno	... Jalan Tawakkal, IX/3, Grogol, Jakarta
1912	Burma	... U Maung Gyi	... No. 102, 49th Street, East Rangoon
1912	Austria	... Mr. Julius Fleischanderl	... c/o Theosophische Gesellschaft, Kaiserfeldgasse 19, A-8010 Graz
1913	Norway	... Mrs. Hilda Fraser	... Gabels Gate 45 B, Oslo 2
1918	Denmark	... Mr. Hardy Bennis	... Banevej 3, Hyllested, 4261 Dalmose
1919	Ireland, Rep. of	... Miss Dorothy Emerson	... Alexandra Guild House, 30, Leinster Road West, Dublin 6

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1919	Mexico	... Mr. Alfonso Morales	... Ignacio Mariscal 126, Mexico 1, D.F.
1919	Canada	... Mr. Ted Davy	... 2307 Sovereign Crescent S.W., Calgary, Alberta T3C 2M3
1920	Argentina	... Sr. Juan Carlos Palmeri	... Santiago 320 2000 Rosario, Santa Fe
1920	Chile	... Mr. Mauricio Froimovich	... Casilla 3603, Santiago
1920	Brazil	... Dr. Murillo Nunes de Azevedo	... Rua Imperatriz Leopoldina, 8, 17º andar, Rio de Janeiro 20000
1921	Iceland	... Mr. Birgir Bjarnason	... Ingolfsstraeti 22, Reykjavik
1921	Spain	... Dr. Jose Maria Vendrell Brucet	... Calle Napoles 352, 4 2a, Barcelona 25
1921	Portugal	... Dr. Cesina Bermudes	... Campo Mártires da Pátria 69, r/c-Dto. Lisbon 1
1922	Wales	... Mr. Charles E. M. James	... 206 Newport Rd., Cardiff CF2 1DL
1924	* Canada	... Mrs. H. B. Jackson	... P. O. Box 1202, Station 'Q' Toronto, Ontario, M4T 2P4 Canada
1925	Uruguay	... Mr. Manuel Ruiz	... J. Barrios Amorin St., 1085, Montevideo
1925	Puerto Rico	... Prof. Miguel A. Charnece	... G. P. O. Box 1766, San Juan, Puerto Rico
1925	Yugoslavia	... Mr. Emilio Trampuz	... Proleterskih Brigada 226F, Zagreb
1926	Sri Lanka	... Mr. T. R. Rustomjee	... 127/1, Cotta Road, Colombo 8
1928	Greece	... Mr. C. Melissaropoulos	... Dragatsaniou Street 6, Athens 122
1929	Central America	... Sr. Julio Cesar Guillen	... Colonia Miramonte, Avenida Tecana 632, San Salvador, El Salvador
1933	Philippines, The	... Mrs. Cleo Z. Gregorio	... 600 La Salle, Greenhills, Mandalu- yong, Metromanilla
1937	Colombia	... Sr. Gabriel Burgos	... Carrera 6a. No. 56-40, Bogotá
1947	East & Central Africa	... Mr. H. D. Shah	... P.O. Box 671, Dar-es-Salaam Tanzania
1948	† Pakistan	... Mrs. Gool K. Minwalla	... "Q" House, 2nd Floor, 2 Framroze Road, Bath Island, Karachi-0402
1948	† Malaysia	... Mr. S. Narayanan	... 12, Lorong Damansarah Endah, Kuala Lumpur
1949	† Northern Ireland...	Mr. Antonio Rodriguez	... Gateway House, 242 Antrim Road, Belfast, BT15 2AR
1950	Israel	...	... P.O. Box 1822, Tel-Aviv (pro tem)
1952	Viet-Nam	... Miss Luu-Thi-Dau	... 446 Vo-di-Nguy, Bd., Phu-Nhuan, Ho Chi Minh City
1953	† Venezuela	... Mr. Pablo Bonilla T.	... Apartado 2907, Caracas
1956	* West Africa	... Mr. Isaac K. Zaney	... P.O. Box 720, Accra, Ghana
1965	† Bolivia	... Mr. Raul Laguna Lozada	... Casilla 148, La Paz
European Federation (of National Societies in Europe, formed 1903)		... Mrs. M. B. Melander,	... Beleshogswagen 15, S-21618 Malmö, Sweden
Inter-American Theo- sophical Federation		... Mr. Juan Vinas	... Florencio Balcarce 71, Buenos Aires, Argentina
Indo-Pacific Theo- sophical Federation		... Mrs. Elaine Murdoch	... 121, Walker Street, North Sydney, N. S. W. 2060, Australia
World Theosophical Youth Federation		... Mr. Arnaldo Sisson Filho	... Caixa Postal 10,360 Porto Alegre, 90,000, Brazil
† Presidential Agency			* Regional Association

Additional Members of the General Council

- MRS. RUKMINI DEVI ARUNDALE, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 600020, India (for 1979, 1980 and 1981).
- MR. GEOFFREY HODSON, 17 Belvedere St., Epsom, Auckland 3, New Zealand (for 1980, 1981 and 1982).
- MRS. GOOL K. MINWALLA, 'Q' House, 2nd Floor, 2 Framroze Road, Bath Island, Karachi 4, Pakistan (for 1980, 1981 and 1982).
- MR. JAMES S. PERKINS, 29 Taormina Lane, Taormina, Ojai, California 93023, U.S.A. (for 1981, 1982 and 1983).
- MR. K. N. RAMANATHAN, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras 600020, India (for 1979, 1980 and 1981).
- DR. HUGH SHEARMAN, 36 Cliftonville Road, Belfast BT 146 JY, United Kingdom (for 1981, 1982 and 1983).
- MR. V. WALLACE SLATER, 55 Southfields, Hendon, London, NW4 4LX England (for 1981, 1982 and 1983).
- MR. SEYMOUR BALLARD, 73, Foxborough Road, Radley, Abingdon, OX-14-3 AE, England (for 1980, 1981 and 1982).
- MRS. EMILY SELLON, 949, Forest Ave., Rye, N.Y., U.S.A. (for 1981, 1982 and 1983).
- MISS JOY MILLS, No. 22, Krotana Hill, Ojai, California 93023, U.S.A. (for 1980, 1981 and 1982).
- MISS IANTHE H. HOSKINS, 37, Victoria Hill Road. Hextable. near Swanley, Kent-BR-8-7LL. England (for 1981, 1982 and 1983).
- MR. C. R. N. SWAMY, The Theosophical Society, Adyar, Madras-600020, India (for 1981, 1982 and 1983).

## EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES

*Of the Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society  
held at Adyar on 25 December 1980  
at 8.30 a.m.,*

### PRESENT

Mrs. Radha Burnier	..	<i>President (in the Chair), and Proxy for Italy, Argentina and Mr. Seymour Ballard.</i>
Mr. Surendra Narayan	..	<i>Vice-President.</i>
Mr. R. Gopalaratnam	..	<i>Secretary.</i>
Miss Annie Tjioe Siang Nio	..	<i>Treasurer and Proxy for Burma.</i>
Mrs. Dora Kunz	..	<i>General Secretary of the T.S. in America.</i>
Miss Marion Caws	..	<i>General Secretary of the T.S. in England and Proxy for Wales.</i>
Mr. H. B. Vaishnav	..	<i>General Secretary of the T.S. in India.</i>
Mr. H. D. Shah	..	<i>General Secretary of the T.S. in East and Central Africa.</i>
Mr. Gunnar Larson	..	<i>General Secretary of the T.S. in Sweden and Proxy for Germany and Finland.</i>
Miss Joy Mills	..	<i>Additional Member and Proxy for Australia, The Netherlands, New Zealand, Indonesia and Mr. Geoffrey Hodson.</i>
Mr. V. Wallace Slater	..	<i>Additional Member and Proxy for France and Portugal.</i>
Mrs. Gool Minwalla	..	<i>Additional Member.</i>
Mrs. Emily Sellon	..	<i>Additional Member.</i>
Mr. K. N. Ramanathan	..	<i>Additional Member.</i>

### *Present by Invitation as Observers*

Mrs. Soebroto	..	<i>(Indonesia)</i>
Mr. Daniel Caracostea	..	<i>(France)</i>
Mr. Paul Zwollo	..	<i>(The Netherlands)</i>
Mr. C. R. N. Swamy	..	<i>(Additional Member from 1 January 1981)</i>
Miss Ianthe Hoskins	..	<i>(Additional Member from 1 January 1981)</i>

The President welcomed the members. Proxies were read out.

1. *Confirmation of Minutes:*

The Minutes of the meetings of the General Council held on 24, 25 and 31 December 1979 and 1 January 1980 were confirmed and signed.

2. *Matters arising out of the Minutes:*(a) *Affiliation with the United Nations.*

After discussion, it was decided that affiliation should not be sought.

(d) *Kotagiri Properties.*

The President reported that in view of satisfactory terms, the sale of the Theosophical Society's properties to Dr. Bradfield was being negotiated. Miss Gladys Taylor had recently passed away and her house has been bequeathed equally to the Society and to Birmingham Lodge.

Because of its historical importance and the association with Col. Olcott and Annie Besant, it was decided to explore the possibility of getting back "Gulistan" at Ootacamund.

(f) *Preamble to the Objects of the Society.*

After discussion, it was decided that, since the laws vary from country to country, Sections should frame their own Preambles, if necessary, and submit the same to the President for approval by the International Society.

3. *Confirmation of Voting:*(a) *Election of Mr. Surendra Narayan as Vice-President*

Under Rule 11(a) of the Rules and Regulations of the Theosophical Society the President nominated Mr. Surendra Narayan as Vice-President. The result of the voting by members of the General Council was as follows:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstaining</i>	<i>Total</i>
36	—	—	36

The election of Mr. Surendra Narayan as Vice-President for 1981, 1982 and 1983 was confirmed.

(b) *Election of six Additional Members for the years 1981, 1982 and 1983.*

Under Rule 2(b) of the Rules and Regulations of the Theosophical Society, the President nominated for re-election Mrs. Emily Sellon, Mr. James S. Perkins, Mr. Wallace Slater and Dr. Hugh Shearman as Additional Members of the General Council. She also nominated Miss Ianthe Hoskins and Mr. C. R. N. Swamy as Additional Members. The six names were circulated for voting, with the following results:

<i>Name</i>	<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstaining</i>	<i>Total</i>
Mrs. Emily Sellon	36	—	1	37
Mr. James S. Perkins	36	—	1	37
Mr. Wallace Slater	35	—	2	37
Dr. Hugh Shearman	34	—	3	37
Miss Ianthe Hoskins	36	—	1	37
Mr. C. R. N. Swamy	35	—	2	37

The above-named six were declared duly elected Additional Members.

(c) *Amendments to Rules.*(i) *Rule 12 to read as follows:*

*"The Secretary and such subordinate officials as are necessary shall be appointed by the President and confirmed by a majority vote of the Executive Committee at its next meeting, the newly appointed officials not being present or voting. The Executive Committee may remove any of these appointees by a vote of three-fourths of the whole of its members. In this event, the President shall make a new appointment."*

The result of the voting was as follows:

For	Against	Abstaining	Total
18	2	—	20

(ii) *Rule 13 (new Rule):*

*"The President shall nominate the Treasurer, following consultation with and approval by the Executive Committee and subsequent confirmation by the General Council for a period of three years. In the event of an emergency, the President may appoint an Acting Treasurer with the approval of the Executive Committee until such time as the General Council can confirm a new Treasurer in accordance with the procedure laid down above. The Treasurer may be removed from office by the General Council or by a vote of three-fourths of the whole number of members of the Executive Committee. In such an event, the President shall nominate a new Treasurer, following consultation with and approval by the Executive Committee and subsequent confirmation by the General Council."*

The result of the voting was as follows:

For	Against	Abstaining	Total
19	1	—	20

(iii) *Rule 29 (c), second sentence (addition):*

*"...but if a member becomes a founder member of a new Lodge (Branch), he must become a full member of such Lodge (Branch) and shall relinquish full membership in any other Lodge (Branch)."*

The result of the voting was as follows:

For	Against	Abstaining	Total
19	1	—	20

(iv) *Rule 30, Para 2 (addition):*

*"... belong to another National Society as an Affiliated or Honorary Member, but he shall not cast a vote in matters relating to the Theosophical Society in the National Society in which he is an Affiliated or Honorary Member."*

The result of the voting was as follows:

For	Against	Abstaining	Total
19	1	—	20

(v) *Rule 33 (addition):*

*"Three or more members, but less than seven, may apply for certification as an Official Study Centre, but such Official Study Centres shall not be considered as units to be counted in application for the formation of a National Society."*

The result of the voting was as follows:

<i>For</i>	<i>Against</i>	<i>Abstaining</i>	<i>Total</i>
17	2	1	20

4. *To reconsider Rule 36, Para 2:*

Some members questioned the need to reconsider the Rule, which had been passed with the requisite majority. Mr. C. E. M. James, General Secretary for Wales, and Dr. Hugh Shearman had expressed the view that rules should not put small countries at a disadvantage. Other members considered amalgamation and unification of groups in neighbouring countries to form a single National Society, such as the East and Central African Section, desirable. After discussion, it was agreed that as special conditions may have to be taken into consideration at times, the Rule should be made flexible, leaving the question of the withdrawal or continuance of the Charter of a National Society to be decided by the President. A suitable amendment is to be drafted and circulated to Members of the Council for their comments.

5. *Committee on Structure and Procedures:*

The report of the Committee on Structure and Procedures was presented by Mr. Surendra Narayan, Chairman of the Committee. Since no outstanding matter remained to be referred to the Committee, the President's proposal to dissolve the Committee was accepted.

The meeting was adjourned until 2.30 p.m. on 31 December 1980.

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## EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES

*Of the Adjourned Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society held at Adyar on 31 December 1980 at 2.30 p.m.*

### PRESENT

All those present at the meeting of 25 December 1980, with the exception of Mr. K. N. Ramanathan and with the addition of the following:

Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale .. *Additional Member.*

*Present by Invitation as Observers*

Mr. A. Suryanarayan Moorthy .. *General Secretary Designate of the T.S. in India*

Mr. S. Narayanan .. *Presidential Agent in Malaysia*

Mr. H. Foglia .. *(Uruguay)*

6. *Report of the Executive Committee:*

The report of the Executive Committee for the year ending 31 October 1980 was received and the following points were discussed:

(a) *Urban Land Tax.*

The President informed the Council that representations had been made to the Government of Tamil Nadu to ensure continuance of total exemption from Urban Land Tax for the Society's estate at Adyar. The matter was being pursued and it was hoped that the efforts made will be successful.

(b) *Narula Award.*

Letters had been received from several members of the General Council pointing out the inappropriateness of making the "Narula Award," about which announcements had been made in Theosophical magazines. Not only was the principle of making awards questioned, but the difficulty of choosing candidates as per the criteria announced was pointed out. It was decided to withdraw the scheme and to return the money received from Mr. Narula.

(c) *Security of Adyar Estate.*

The President stressed the need to protect the Adyar Estate from the increasing number of incursions, trespasses, etc. Security measures have to be strengthened and boundary walls constructed in various areas. Expenditure on this score is essential.

7. *To appoint the Executive Committee for 1981.*

The following were appointed as members of the Executive Committee for 1981:

President	}	..	<i>Ex-Officio</i>
Vice-President			
Secretary			
Treasurer			
Mr. K. N. Ramanathan	..	..	General Council Member
Mr. C. R. N. Swamy	..	..	General Council Member
Mr. John Clarke			
Mr. K. Visvanathan			
Mr. Ch. Sankar Rao			

2(b) *World Congress 1982.*

A telegram was received from the East and Central African Section to the effect that all expenses connected with the holding of the Nairobi Congress will be borne by the Nairobi Lodge. The delegates will have to bear their own transport, boarding and lodging charges. It was then agreed to hold the World Congress at Nairobi in 1982, at a time found suitable by the President.

9. *Treasurer's Report and Accounts for the year ending March 1980:*

The Treasurer's Report for the year ending 31 March 1980 was considered and adopted. The accounts for the year ending 31 March 1980 were also considered and passed, after some discussion with regard to the deficit of the Press.

Miss Joy Mills proposed that there should be only one eating establishment at Adyar as this would effect economy, and at the same time bring people together at one place. Meals could be planned to make them acceptable to both western and eastern people. There was general agreement on this point.

10. *Revised Budget for the year ending March 1981 and Budget for the year ending March 1982:*

The revised Budget for the year ending March 1981 and the Budget for the year ending March 1982 were adopted.

There was discussion on the desirability or otherwise of having two endowment funds, namely the Adyar Besant Commemorative (A.B.C.) Fund and the John Coats Adyar Centenary Fund. It was decided that while contributions will continue to be received to the John Coats Adyar Centenary Fund for the present, they will be shown for accounting purposes only under one head, namely the A.B.C. Fund. It was also stressed that on no account should the corpus of the A.B.C. Fund be touched, and that only the interest should be utilized for the Society's work.

11. *Auditors for the year ending 31 March 1982:*

It was resolved to re-appoint Messrs. Naganathan & Co. as Auditors for the year ending 31 March 1982 on the same terms as before.

12. *The Society's Work:*

Discussion was postponed to 1 January 1981.

13. *Any Other Business:*

(a) *Non-English Publications Fund.*

The Report of the Committee was received. The Committee was reconstituted with the following as members for 1981:

President	..	Chairman
Miss Joy Mills	..	Vice-Chairman
Mr. K. N. Ramanathan	..	Publications Manager, T.P.H., Adyar
Mr. Clarence Pederson	..	Publications Manager, T.P.H., Wheaton
Mrs. Helen Gething	..	Chairman, T.P.H., London
Mrs. Barbro Melander	..	Chairman, European Federation
Mr. Juan Viñas	..	President, Inter-American Federation

Clarification was sought in regard to the amount of Sw. Frs. 17,558.55 as loss due to sale of securities. Miss Joy Mills was requested to obtain clarification on this point.

(b) *Phoenix Rising.*

The President informed the Council that the World Theosophical Youth Federation had started a journal called *The Universal Man* and that the International Youth Centre at Adyar had not been functioning for a considerable time and the magazine *Phoenix Rising* had ceased to appear.

It was decided to encourage and support the W.T.Y.F. and its magazine and not to make efforts to resuscitate *Phoenix Rising* or the Youth Centre at Adyar. Those who have donated money for *Phoenix Rising* should be asked to get in touch with the Secretary of the W.T.Y.F.

(c) *Commemoration Days.*

Miss Marion Caws, General Secretary of the English Section, had proposed that there should be one day only, each year, for commemorating the past Presidents. She had suggested 17 February as the appropriate day.

The President mentioned that 1 October would always be regarded as a special day in India because of the extraordinary service rendered by Dr. Besant to this country.

The Council concurred with the above views.

The meeting was adjourned to 8.30 a.m. on 1 January 1981.

## EXTRACTS FROM MINUTES

*Of the Adjourned Meeting of the General Council of the Theosophical Society held at Adyar on 1st January 1981 at 8.30 a.m.*

### PRESENT

All those present at the meeting of 31 December 1980, except Mr. H. B. Vaishnav, Mrs. Rukmini Devi Arundale, Mr. H. Foglia, Observer (Uruguay) and Mrs. Scebroto, Observer (Indonesia).

Mr. A. Suryanarayan Moorti was present as General Secretary of the Indian Section, in the place of Mr. H. B. Vaishnav. Miss Ianthe Hoskins and Mr. C. R. N. Swamy attended as Additional Members of the Council.

### 6(b). *Narula Award*

The President reported that Mr. H. R. Narula had informed her that he did not wish to take back the money he had donated. He had requested the President to decide on some other useful project or scheme to utilise the interest on the amount.

### 13. *Any Other Business*

#### (d) *Science and Technology Committee*

After discussion, the following decisions were taken:

- (i) That the journal *Theosophy Science* shall no longer be an official international journal of the Society, but resume its former position as a journal of the English Theosophical Research Centre.
- (ii) That it is not useful to have an international committee on Science and Technology because of certain inherent difficulties.
- (iii) Scientist-members be requested to send abstracts of scientific articles and other material of interest to Theosophists with their comments, etc. for publication in *The Theosophist* to help members to be in touch with contemporary advances in thought.

(e) *Cancellation of Charters and Diplomas*

There was a discussion concerning the circumstances which would warrant the cancellation of Lodge Charters. Though the Constitution of the Society vests the right to withdraw Lodge Charters and membership Diplomas in the President, she sought the advice of the General Council. The consensus of opinion in the Council was that in cases where the property of the Society, within the jurisdiction of a Section or any other properly constituted body, is in jeopardy, and also when a Lodge is entirely and deliberately devoted to non-Theosophical purposes, the withdrawal of the Charter would be called for.

The Council supported a proposition moved by Miss Ianthe Hoskins advising the President to cancel the membership diploma of Mr. P. Govindaswamy.

12. *The Society's Work*

In pursuance of the President's letter to General Council members dated 15 November 1980, there was a discussion on the Society's work. It was decided that as full a summary as possible of the discussion should be prepared separately and sent to Council members and possibly to other officers and workers in the Sections for consideration and further discussion.

The meeting was then closed.

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# SUMMARY OF STATISTICS, 1980

National Sections (Active) ..	41
Presidential Agencies (Active)	4
Regional Associations formed under Rule 35(c) ..	3
Total Lodges ..	1,151

Total Membership 1979 ..	33,388
Total Membership 1980 ..	34,391

Increase 1,003

	No. of Lodges	No. of Members
1. United States of America ..	82	5,129
2. Argentina ..	40	669
3. Australia ..	13	1,213
4. Austria ..	4	239
5. Belgium ..	9	216
6. Bolivia† ..	8	91
7. Brazil ..	39	943
8. Burma ..	4	125
9. Canada ..	13	296
10. Canadian Fed.* ..	8	79
11. Central America ..	12	205 (1979)
12. Chile ..	5	63
13. Colombia ..	9	104
14. Cuba ..	19	529
15. Denmark ..	15	356
16. East & Central Africa ..	26	1,326
17. England ..	65	2,165
18. Finland ..	21	511
19. France ..	34	1,402
20. Germany ..	10	295
21. Greece ..	7	295
22. Iceland ..	11	455
23. Ireland, Rep. of ..	1	43
24. India ..	451	9,811
25. Indonesia ..	22	798
26. Italy ..	26	805
27. Malaysia* ..	2	26 (1979)
28. Mexico ..	25	359
29. Netherlands ..	24	908
30. New Zealand ..	17	1,528
31. North Ireland† ..	3	43

	No. of Lodges	No. of Members
32. Norway ..	7	107
33. Pakistan† ..	No Report	
34. Philippines ..	20	251
35. Portugal ..	12	337
36. Puerto Rico ..	3	102 (1978)
37. Scotland ..	4	84
38. Southern Africa ..	9	337
39. Spain ..	13	455
40. Sri Lanka ..	8	129
41. Sweden ..	9	284
42. Switzerland ..	8	207
43. Uruguay ..	10	181
44. Venezuela† ..	3	40 (1974)
45. Viet Nam ..	No Report	
46. Wales ..	2	72
47. West Africa* ..	No Report	
48. Yugoslavia ..	7	130
49. Lodges attached directly to Adyar		
Bangladesh† ..	1	31
Cameroon† ..	1	18
Hong Kong† ..	1	14 (1979)
Israel† ..	3	90 (1979)
Japan† ..	1	26
Peru† ..	3	45 (1979)
Singapore† ..	1	49
50. Fellows-at-Large		175
Total	1,151	34,391

## Study Centres:

United States of America ..	80
Argentina ..	4
Brazil ..	2
Burma ..	2
England ..	19
India ..	24
Italy ..	2
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R. GOPALARATNAM,  
Secretary.



# THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY

ADYAR, MADRAS 600 020, INDIA

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31ST MARCH 1980

# INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

EXPENDITURE	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
<b>Departmental Results:</b>				
Adyar Library ...	— 66,746.26		— 66,435.03	
Bhojanasala ...	+ 3,017.25		+ 11,466.99	
Consumer Stores ...	-- 687.95		+ 1,260.94	
Garden Department ...	— 56,622.86		— 44,079.00	
Leadbeater Chambers ...	+ 25,118.14		+ 18,128.63	
Maintenance Department ...	— 160,876.85		— 167,915.32	
Theosophical Publishing House ...	+ 87,499.53		+ 71,306.13	
Vasanta Press ...	— 36,510.62		— 67,045.42	
		205,809.62		243,312.08
<b>Depreciation:</b>				
On Film Projector, Air conditioner and Tape Recorder ...	3,349.20		2,719.00	
On Motor Vehicles ...	12,517.19		10,013.00	
On Movable Property ...	13,304.67		11,950.32	
		29,171.06		24,682.32
<b>Establishment and other Expenses:</b>				
Adyar Newsletter ...	—		1,250.80	
Bad debts ...	24.82		45.00	
Child Welfare Centre ...	5,902.12		5,810.81	
Convention 1978 ...	2,205.60		—	
Deposit Linked Insurance ...	2,980.50		3,032.25	
Dispensary ...	19,045.79		17,640.33	
Estate Management ...	14,223.24		12,623.95	
Fire Insurance ...	1,638.41		1,419.43	
Headquarters Department ...	21,557.82		20,007.19	
Information and Public Relations Department ...	18,664.97		14,950.32	
Insurance Fund Administration ...	592.55		606.40	
International Offices—General ...	86,380.80		79,550.89	
International Centre of Theosophical Studies & Research. ...	10,557.61		6,920.06	
International Theosophical Youth Centre ...	4,345.17		2,672.15	
Kotagiri Property Maintenance ...	4,949.42		4,592.81	
Legal and Audit Expenses ...	7,627.90		6,163.00	
Miscellaneous ...	15,578.89		17,041.04	
Movable Properties Dept. ...	41,281.66		36,990.58	
Museum and Archives ...	11,498.88		8,948.43	
Postage, Telegrams and Telephones ...	17,319.24		21,252.37	
Printing and Stationery ...	24,320.06		21,341.83	
P.F. Administration ...	2,191.85		2,243.75	
Publications to General Secretaries ...	3,388.22		3,880.51	
Retirement Allowances ...	23,846.50		22,905.94	
Sanitary Department ...	22,335.00		22,441.54	
Security Department ...	121,315.38		114,675.77	
Taxes ...	32,392.99		31,495.84	
Travelling & Conveyance ...	2,474.55		2,363.34	
		518,639.94		482,866.33
<b>Gratuity Allocation</b> ...		19,000.00		60,000.00
		772,620.62		810,860.73

ADYAR,  
2-9-1980

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY  
C. R. N. SWAMY,  
*Hony. Treasurer*

# SOCIETY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1980

INCOME					PREVIOUS YEAR	Current Year
					Rs.	Rs.
Adyar Newsletter	...	...	...	...	6,261.87	—
Donations	...	...	...	...	25,554.96	48,031.68
Fees and Dues	...	...	...	...	168,427.99	186,909.29
Interest (Net)	...	...	...	...	339,975.11	358,647.13
Quarters Maintenance (Recoveries)	...	...	...	...	86,635.34	124,855.24
Scrap Sales	...	...	...	...	2,706.30	—
Sale of Elephant Tusks	...	...	...	...	26,312.50	—
Overhead Charges	...	...	...	...	19,739.00	19,644.72
Convention 1979	...	...	...	...	—	12,263.40
Licence Fee	...	...	...	...	—	21,000.00
Excess of Expenditure over Income	...	...	...	...	97,007.55	39,509.27
					772,620.62	810,860.73

Examined and found correct.  
 FOR N. A. NAGANATHAN & CO.,  
*Chartered Accountants.*  
 N. ANANTHANARAYANAN F.C.A., (Partner)

C/o

**SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS ON 31st MARCH 1980**

ASSETS	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
<b>Immovable Properties: (At Cost)</b>		187,508.69		187,508.69
<b>Lands at Urur (At Cost)</b>		3,882.40		3,882.40
<b>Buildings at Adyar (At Cost)</b>				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	3,079,304.99		3,203,849.30	
Additions ...	131,544.31		28,580.60	
	3,210,849.30		3,232,429.90	
Less: Disposals ...	7,000.00		—	
	3,203,849.30		3,232,429.90	
Less: Depreciation to date ...	995,713.98		1,085,609.63	
		2,208,135.32		2,146,820.27
<b>Gulistan-Kotagiri (At Cost):</b>				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	49,980.57		49,980.57	
Less: Depreciation to date ...	14,585.03		15,834.53	
		35,395.54		34,146.04
<b>Rose Windows-Kotagiri (At Cost):</b> ...	30,000.00		30,000.00	
Less: Depreciation to date ...	3,750.00		4,500.00	
		26,250.00		25,500.00
<b>High Cliff—Kotagiri (At Cost)</b> ...	56,237.47		56,237.47	
Less: Depreciation to date ...	1,405.92		2,811.84	
		54,831.55		53,425.63
<b>Adyar Library Building (At Cost)</b> ...	780,069.92		780,069.92	
Less: Depreciation to date ...	186,107.08		205,608.83	
		593,962.84		574,461.09
<b>Movable Property at Adyar:</b>				
<b>Furniture &amp; Fixtures: (At Cost)</b>				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	220,014.51		233,594.53	
Additions ...	13,580.02		4,420.75	
	233,594.53		238,015.28	
Less: Disposals ...	—		145.00	
	233,594.53		237,870.28	
Less: Depreciation to late ...	158,201.41		170,151.73	
		75,393.12		67,718.55
<b>Motor Cars (At Cost)</b>				
As per last Balance Sheet ...	165,404.86		165,404.86	
Less: Depreciation to date ...	115,334.86		125,347.86	
		50,070.00		40,057.00
<b>C/o</b>		3,235,429.46		3,133,519.67

# BALANCE SHEET OF THE THEOSOPHICAL

LIABILITIES	PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
B/f ...		8,982,843.13		9,388,404.66
<b>Adyar Library Funds and Reserves:</b>				
Immovable Property at Juhu ...	31,500.00		30,500.00	
Miscellaneous Funds ...	25,598.16		19,089.87	
Gratuity Reserve ...	14,468.00		16,179.00	
		71,566.16		65,768.87
<b>T.P.H. Funds and Reserves:</b>				
Capital Fund ...	65,627.52		51,420.30	
Reserves and Surplus ...	389,324.02		404,032.17	
Creditors ...	273,131.28		395,232.78	
T.P.H. Investments Fund ...	108,000.00		83,000.00	
		836,082.82		933,685.25
<b>Vasanta Press:</b>				
Machinery Dismantling & Assembling Reserve ...	4,928.42		4,928.42	
Retirement Allowance Reserve ...	1,727.05		2,073.26	
New Machinery Fund ...	434,596.30		434,596.30	
		441,251.77		441,597.98
Gratuity Reserve ...		130,904.50		213,576.69
<b>Casuarina Development:</b>				
Reserve ...		55,262.26		55,262.26
<b>Sundry Creditors:</b>				
For Departments ...	43,096.32		67,990.37	
For Others ...	118,905.32		129,222.80	
		162,001.64		197,213.17
<b>Sundry Deposits</b> ...		81,404.49		121,164.52
<b>Outstanding Liability</b> ...		6,000.00		23,976.73
 <i>Note.—(a) Capital and Interest available for specific purposes.</i> <i>(b) Interest only available for general purposes.</i> <i>(c) Interest only available for specific purposes.</i> <i>(d) Capital available for specific purposes</i>				
		10,767,316.77		11,440,650.13

ADYAR,  
2-9-1980

FOR THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY  
C. R. N. SWAMY,  
*Hony. Treasurer.*

**SOCIETY, ADYAR, AS ON 31st MARCH 1980 (Contd.)**

ASSETS		PREVIOUS YEAR		Current Year	
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
B/f	...		3,235,429.46		3,133,519.67
Investments (At Cost)					
Government of India Loans	...	6,300.00		6,300.00	
State Government Loans	...	19,000.00			
Foreign Investments	...	337,573.25		345,073.25	
Miscellaneous Securities	...	345,724.69		345,324.69	
Fixed Deposits	...	3,210,400.00		3,694,400.00	
			3,918,997.94		4,391,097.94
Interest Accrued on Investments	...		75,371.20		70,928.72
Departmental Assets:					
(As valued and certified by the Management)					
Water Line Meter Installations	...	100.00		100.00	
Electrical Installations	...	47,398.29		41,728.66	
Telephone Installations	...	16,920.85		15,228.77	
Tools, Equipments, etc.	...	104,797.11		95,633.10	
Amounts Recoverable	...	29,062.96		21,622.96	
Standing Crops and Developments	...	26,032.50		34,093.85	
Stock on hand	...	131,029.59		130,586.05	
			355,341.30		338,993.39
Adyar Library Assets	...		548,082.89		570,579.68
T.P.H. Assets:					
Assets	...	1,177,015.97		1,319,651.54	
Investments	...	108,300.00		83,300.00	
Cash and Bank Balances	...	68,277.81		144,550.80	
			1,353,593.78		1,547,502.34
Vasanta Press Assets:	...		1,074,894.21		1,007,744.89
Sundry Assets	...		9,355.51		10,263.51
Loans and Advances	...		71,099.07		162,920.73
Outstanding Income:					
Subscriptions	...		2,956.36		4,276.36
Security Deposit	...		1,810.00		1,990.00
Gratuity Advance:					4,000.00
Sundry Debtors					
(Considered good by Management)			52,906.48		34,966.20
Prepaid Expenses	...		4,628.00		3,896.00
Cash:					
In Madras Banks on Current and Savings accounts	...	47,298.40		139,779.41	
In London Bank on Current Account	...	11,426.16		11,535.07	
On hand	...	4,126.01		6,656.22	
			62,850.57		157,970.70
			10,767,316.77		11,440,650.13

Examined and found correct.

FOR N. A. NAGANATHAN & CO.,

Chartered Accountants.

N. ANANTHANARAYANAN, F.C.A., (Partner)

### I. ADYAR BESANT COMMEMORATIVE FUND INVESTMENTS

No.	Particulars	Amount
		Rs.
1.	10% Bank of India, Madras, Deposit	50,000.00
2.	10% Bank of Baroda, Madras, Deposit	100,000.00
3.	10% Punjab National Bank, Madras, Deposit	150,000.00
4.	10% Grindlays Bank, Madras, Deposit	100,000.00
5.	10% Indian Bank, Madras, Deposits	1,414,000.00
6.	9% Indian Bank, Madras, Deposits	320,000.00
7.	9½% Tamilnadu State Co-operative Bank Limited, Madras 600020, Deposit	15,000.00
8.	10½% - do -	80,000.00
9.	4% Canadian Pacific Railway Co. Debenture Stock £ 3000/-	52,500.00
	Total ..	2,281,500.00

## II. JOHN COATS ADYAR CENTENARY FUND INVESTMENTS

1. 10% Indian Bank, Madras, Deposits	400,000.00
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# FEES AND DUES RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 1980

	1978-79 Rs.	1979-80 Rs.
The Theosophical Society in U.S.A.	42,234.71	40,964.65
"    England	5,320.05	8,199.14
"    India	12,667.60	12,575.83
"    Australia	20,275.36	19,824.82
"    *Sweden	7,749.94	* —
"    New Zealand	6,860.88	6,989.83
"    Netherlands	9,926.60	19,071.13
"    France	8,750.82	9,862.21
"    Italy	2,940.00	6,493.14
"    Germany	10,177.43	4,825.35
"    Cuba	—	—
"    Hungary	—	—
"    Finland	4,122.00	8,740.23
"    Russia	—	—
"    Czechoslovakia	—	—
"    Southern Africa	—	3,054.39
"    Scotland	—	520.33
"    Switzerland	10,290.59	9,173.64
"    Belgium	4,579.00	3,613.73
"    Indonesia	380.10	460.00
"    Burma	—	—
"    Austria	2,601.13	2,779.82
"    Norway	343.21	314.47
"    Egypt	—	—
"    Denmark	1,656.37	3,489.35
"    Ireland	225.00	221.00
"    Mexico	—	1,169.45
"    Canada	1,794.00	1,554.70
"    Argentina	—	—
"    Chile	896.05	1,035.00
"    Brazil	2,816.61	2,606.52
"    Bulgaria	—	—
"    Iceland	—	3,271.75
"    Spain	1,550.00	1,590.00
"    Portugal	—	633.66
"    Wales	393.12	549.13
"    Poland	—	—
"    Uruguay	402.26	1,070.00
"    Puerto Rico	—	1,583.00
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C/o	158,952.83	176,236.27

\* A sum of Rs. 3,551.14 remitted by cheque by The Theosophical Society in Sweden on 22-1-1980 towards sectional dues for 1979 was realised and credited only after 31-3-80 owing to strike in the drawee Bank, Federal Bank Limited, Bombay, India.

		1978-79	1979-80
	B/f	158,952.83	176,236.27
The Theosophical Society in	Rumania	—	—
”	Yugoslavia	1,887.76	—
”	Sri Lanka	—	—
”	Greece	—	88.00
”	Central America	2,543.01	897.00
”	Paraguay	—	—
”	Peru	—	—
”	Philippines	—	—
”	Colombia	410.00	1,331.75
”	East & Central Africa	—	2,354.59
”	Pakistan	—	—
”	Malaysia	—	—
”	Northern Ireland	24.80	26.38
”	Israel	—	—
”	Japan	—	—
”	Vietnam	—	—
”	Venezuela	313.46	966.30
”	West Africa	—	—
”	Bolivia	320.00	1,447.95
”	Canadian Federation	362.89	349.59
Lodges attached to Adyar		867.10	920.59
Fellows-at-Large		2,746.14	2,290.97
	Total	<u>168,427.99</u>	<u>186,909.39</u>

# THE THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, ADYAR, MADRAS 600 020

## REVISED BUDGET FOR 1980-81 AND BUDGET FOR 1981-82

EXPENDITURE	Actuals for 79-80	Revised Budget for 80-81	Budget for 81-82	INCOME	Actuals for 79-80	Revised Budget for 80-81	Budget for 81-82
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
<b>Special Departments:</b>				<b>Special Departments:</b>			
Adyar Library ...	100,245	111,400	117,100	Adyar Library ...	33,810	27,500	29,000
Adyar Newsletter ...	9,885	10,950	12,500	Adyar Newsletter ...	8,634	10,000	12,000
Bhojanasala ...	99,261	102,775	107,920	Bhojanasala ...	110,728	112,500	116,800
Consumer Stores ...	138,550	156,820	169,660	Consumer Stores ...	139,811	156,820	169,660
Garden Department ...	123,902	130,400	131,900	Garden Department ...	79,823	104,750	103,500
Leadbeater Chambers ...	141,854	141,400	142,900	Leadbeater Chambers ...	159,983	160,000	162,000
Maintenance Dept. ...	325,202	325,200	328,600	Maintenance Department... ..	157,287	154,500	154,700
Theosophical Pub- lishing House ...	229,651	238,040	241,590	Theosophical Publishing House ...	300,957	286,100	296,300
The Theosophist ...	148,725	139,200	145,400	The Theosophist ...	134,106	124,000	127,000
Vasanta Press ...	1,012,203	1,006,600	1,098,500	Vasanta Press ...	945,157	983,000	1,083,000
International Centre of Studies ...	9,529	12,000	12,000	International Centre of Studies ...	2,609	4,000	4,000
Bad Debts ...	45	500	500	Donations ...	48,032	30,000	30,000
Child Welfare Centre ...	5,811	6,000	6,000	Fees and Dues ...	186,909	150,000	150,000
Deposit Linked Insurance ...	3,032	3,200	3,500	Interest (Gross) ...	364,134	350,000	350,000
Dispensary ...	17,640	17,000	17,000	Quarters Maintenance ...	124,855	120,000	120,000
Estate Management ...	12,624	13,000	13,500	Overhead Charges ...	19,645	20,000	20,000
Fire Insurance ...	1,419	1,400	1,400	Convention ...	12,263	10,000	10,000
Gratuity Allocation ...	60,000	25,000	20,000	Licence Fee ...	21,000	36,000	36,000
Headquarters Department ...	20,007	20,500	21,000	Excess of Expenditure over Income ...	39,509	34,115	30,410
Information and Public Relations Department ...	14,950	12,000	12,000	Add; Deficit on 'The Theosophist' taken direct to T.P.H. Balance Sheet ...	14,619	15,200	18,400
Insurance Fund Administration ...	606	700	700				
International Offices— General ...	79,551	73,500	74,500				
Interest on Funds and Accounts ...	5,487	5,000	5,000				
Kotagiri Property Maintenance ...	4,593	4,000	4,000				
Legal and Audit Expenses ...	6,163	8,000	8,000				
Miscellaneous ...	17,041	15,000	15,000				
Movable Properties Dept. ...	36,991	35,000	35,500				
Museum and Archives ...	8,948	10,000	10,000				
Postage, Telegrams and Telephones ...	21,252	18,000	18,000				
Printing and Stationery ...	21,342	18,000	18,000				
Provident Fund Administration ...	2,244	2,400	2,600				
Publications to General Secretaries ...	3,881	4,000	4,000				
Retirement Allowances ...	22,906	23,000	24,000				
Sanitary Department ...	22,442	23,000	23,500				
Security Department ...	114,676	116,500	118,000				
Taxes ...	31,496	32,000	32,000				
Travelling & Conveyance ...	2,363	2,000	2,000				
International Theosophical Youth Centre ...	2,672	—	—				
Depreciation on Assets (Excluding Immovable Property) ...	24,682	25,000	25,000				
	2,903,871	2,888,485	3,022,770		2,903,871	2,888,485	3,022,770



